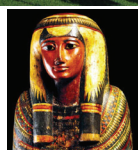


# Fire ravages Brazil's national museum

A fire has gutted the National Museum of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, destroying millions of the country's most valuable historical treasures



**Sep 2, National Museum: Former royal palace, dating from 1818, housed 20 million items**

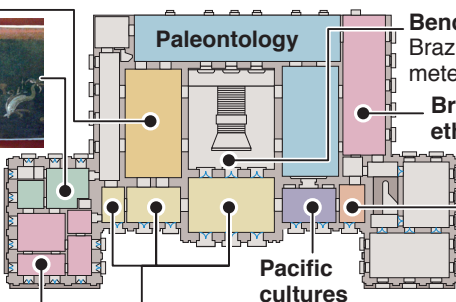


**Ancient Egypt:** Largest collection in Latin America, including sarcophagus and mummy of ***Sha-amun-en-su*** dating from around 750 BC



**Mediterranean cultures**  
Greco-Roman pieces include four frescoes from Pompeii made around 1st century AD

**Pre-Columbian cultures**  
1,800 artifacts from indigenous cultures



**Bendegó meteorite**  
Brazil's largest meteorite

**Brazilian ethnology**

**African ethnology**

**Pacific cultures**

**Brazilian archaeology**  
Included 12,000-year-old female skeleton, "***Luzia***", oldest human fossil found in Americas



Source: Museu Nacional