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Discussion Questions

While You Are in the Calder Toy Gallery

What animals do you see? How are the animals moving? What kind of colors, shapes and patterns do you see?

Calder's pull toys use different kinds of wheels. What different kinds of wheels do you notice? What different kinds of movement do they create?

After trying the replicas of Calder's toys, are there any changes or improvements you would make to the toys?

If these toys were manufactured today, how might they be different? Why?

Alexander Calder was an artist and an engineer. Engineers often make something, test it out, and then change it to make it work even better. Do you see places on Alexander's original toys where he changed things?

If you were going to make a moving toy, what would you make? How would it move?