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CAPITOL HILL HUNT

When people think of Washington, DC, they often think of the famous dome of the U.S. Capitol. For many, it is the symbol of democracy. The Capitol Building is where senators and representatives from all fifty states meet to make laws. The Capitol also marks the center of the city. Near the Capitol Building, you'll find many other government buildings, including the Library of Congress, with the world's largest collection of books, and the U.S. Supreme Court, the nation's highest judicial court. Capitol Hill is an area bustling with activity.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL

The United States Capitol sits atop Capitol Hill at the eastern end of the National Mall. It has been the center of the United States legislature for over 200 years. The cornerstone was laid by George Washington in 1793. It is the meeting place of the United States Congress - the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- ① Find a famous civil war general sitting astride his favorite horse, Cincinnati, in front of the Capitol. What is the general's last name?

.....10 points

- ② Find Freedom, a woman wearing draperies holding a sword and wreath. (hint: Look up to the highest point on the Capitol.)

.....10 points

- ③ Find a bronze statue of King Kamehameha, donated by the state of Hawaii for inclusion in the National Statuary Hall.

.....10 points

- ④ Find George Washington in the fresco painted on the interior of the Capitol's dome. What is the figure



▲ The U.S. Capitol sits atop Capitol Hill.

The Capitol is home to the U.S. Congress and its two legislative bodies, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL

The U. S. capital was originally located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the late 1700s, it was decided that our country needed a new capital separate from the states. After much debate, the site along the Potomac River was chosen by President George Washington.

French city planner Pierre L'Enfant was chosen by President Washington to design the new city. L'Enfant decided on a grid system with intersecting streets centered around the Capitol Building, which would stand at the top of a hill. His design included a garden-lined "grand avenue" in the center and canals filled with water. Eventually L'Enfant lost his job after too many disagreements and his design was changed, but much of his original grid plan can be seen today, including the tree-lined "grand avenue" that is now the National Mall.



▲ L'Enfant's "grand avenue," the National Mall.

next to him blowing?

10 points

5 Ride the United States Capitol subway system below Capitol Hill.
10 points

6 Meet a senator or representative.
10 points

UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDEN

If you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, head to the United States Botanic Garden. The garden sits on the grounds of the United States Capitol. It is one of the oldest botanic gardens in North America. With over 4,000 specimens on display, the United States Botanic Garden is like a museum for plants!

7 Use your nose to sniff out a vanilla and a chocolate tree. Yum!

.....10 points

8 Find a “living fossil” - the 200-million-year-old plant species called the cycad.
10 points

9 List one animal found on the fountain in Bartholdi Park. The fountain was created by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, sculptor of the Statue of Liberty.

10 points

10 Have your picture taken in the First Ladies Water Garden which pays tribute to the First Ladies of the United States. Its patterns are inspired by the Colonial-era quilt pattern known as “Martha Washington.”
10 points

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world. When British troops burned the original library in 1814, Thomas Jefferson sold his personal collection of books to Congress as a replacement. What began as several thousand books from Jefferson’s library has grown to millions of books, recordings, photographs, maps, and manuscripts. Although you can’t check out a book to take home, everyone is welcome to browse and do research.

11 Find four turtles and a sea serpent having a water fight in the Court of Neptune Fountain. Neptune, the Roman god of the sea, watches from a bank of rocks.
.....10 points

12 Visit the Great Hall in the Library of Congress. Find a large brass inlay in the center of the marble floor.

What is the shape of the inlay?

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.....10 points

13 Visit the Main Reading Room. Look up and enjoy the view of the domed ceiling, stretching 160 feet above the reading room floor.
.....10 points

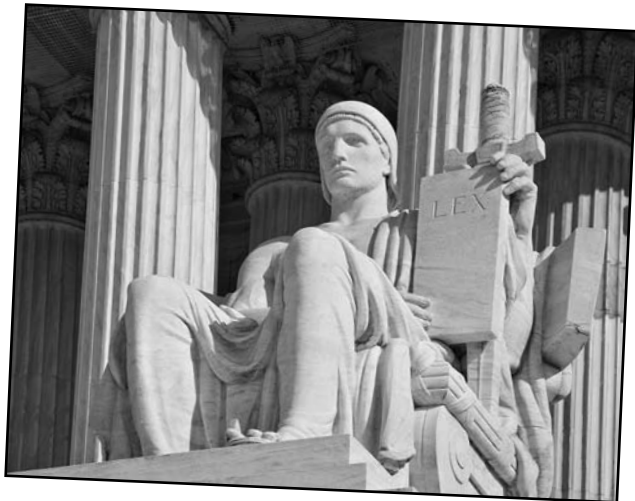
14 Find a book from the 15th-century that was the first book printed using movable metal type. What is the name of this book?
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.....10 points

SUPREME COURT BUILDING

Here comes the judge! The Supreme Court Building is the seat of the Supreme Court of the United States, the third branch of the U.S. government. All court sessions are open

to the public, but you'll have to get in line early. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. When court is not in session, you can walk the Great Hall and visit the exhibit hall to learn about the Supreme Court and the justices that served on it. You can also watch a short movie about the judicial process in the theater.

- 15 Find the 4-word motto of the Supreme Court over the main entrance door. Write the motto here.



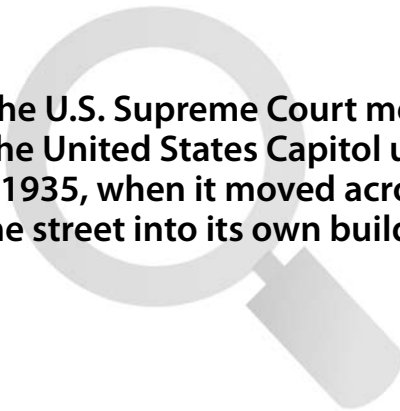
▲ Authority of Law statue outside the U.S. Supreme Court Building.

.....10 points

- 16 Find the two sculptures at the main entrance, the female figure *Contemplation of Justice* and the male figure *Authority of Law*.

.....10 points

The U.S. Supreme Court met in the United States Capitol until 1935, when it moved across the street into its own building.



- 17 How many marble columns stand at the entrance of the Supreme Court Building?

.....10 points

- 18 Find the bust of Chief Justice Rehnquist in the Great Hall.

.....10 points



▲ Inside the main hall in Union Station.

Union Station opened on October 27, 1908, with the arrival of a B&O passenger train from Pittsburgh.

UNION STATION

When it was completed in 1908, Union Station was the largest train station in the world. The beautiful, ornate structure was modeled after buildings in ancient Rome, with marble corridors, columns, gold leaf, and sculptures. Each day hundreds of trains still pass through Union Station, but today you can also find shops, restaurants, and a movie theater within its walls. Union Station is one of the most-visited and best-known places in Washington, DC.

- 19 Find a memorial to an Italian

explorer who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas in 1492. The three flags flying behind the memorial symbolize the three ships his crew sailed to the new world. Who was this explorer?

.....10 points

20 In the early 1900's, the President and his family traveled across the United States by train. They would board the train in Union Station's Presidential Suite. Find the restaurant that now occupies the former Presidential Suite and write its name below.

.....10 points

21 Count the row of Roman legionnaire (soldier) statues

overlooking the main hall of Union Station. How many statues are there?

.....10 points

TOTAL POINTS FOR THIS SECTION

How did you do? Add up all your points from this section and write the number on the line below!

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