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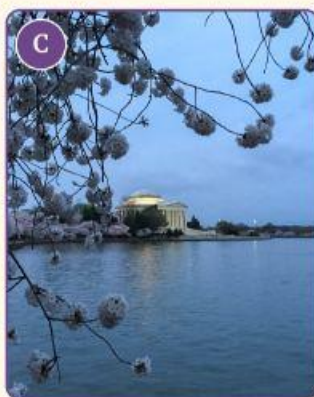
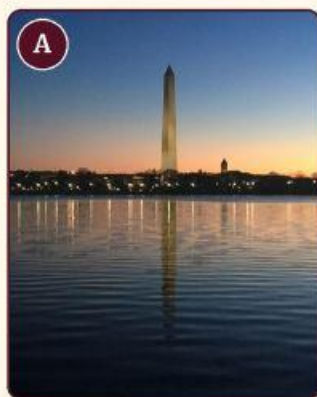
MYSTERIES & CREATIVE CHALLENGES

Your first clue starts before the trip.

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THE MONUMENT WITH A HIDDEN SEAM

Three monuments stand near water. Work stopped on one for more than two decades. Which photo hides the evidence?



Circle A, B, or C. What mark might a long construction pause leave behind?

YOUR FIRST CASE IS OPEN

Find it. Prove it. Turn the page.

FIRST CLUE: SOLVED!

The unfinished monument is the Washington Monument.



THE PLACE

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Work stopped in 1854 when funds ran out. Congress voted to finish it in 1876; construction resumed later. Look for the change in stone color partway up. Can you find the line where the first builders stopped?

DETECTIVE RULE:

A visible clue beats a lucky guess.

BUILD A QUEST NICKNAME

First name: choose the first name of a president you admire.

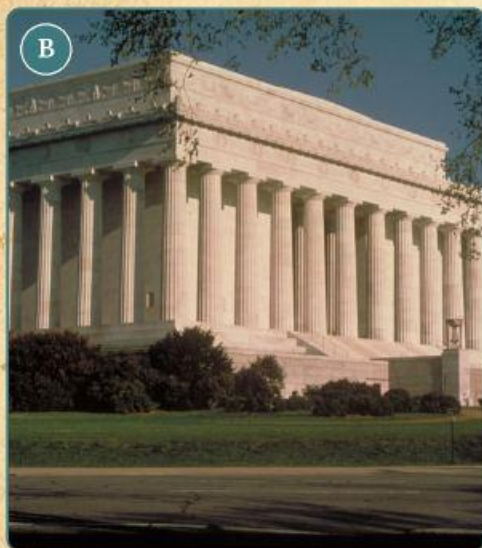
LAST NAME: PICK ONE CITY CLUE

Star · Smithsonian · Cherry · National · Declaration

My quest nickname: _____

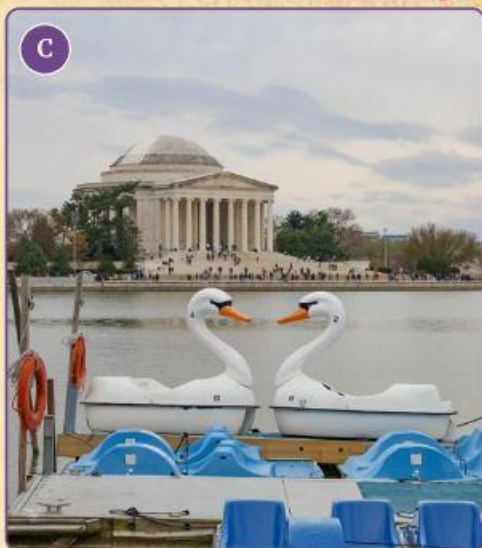
TWO MORE PICTURE CLUES

Name each place from the evidence you can see.



NAME THE HALL WITH
THE TALL COLUMNS.

B: _____



NAME THE ROUND DOME
ACROSS THE WATER.

C: _____

YOUR EVIDENCE

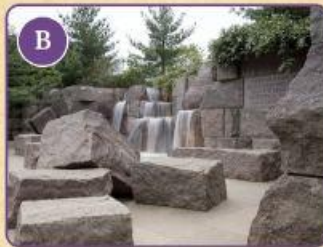
B has _____. C has _____.

Which building has a grand hall above broad steps? Which has a round dome beside the water?

ANSWER KEY · B: LINCOLN MEMORIAL C: JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

THREE STORIES HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Each true story belongs to A, B, or C. Use the photos to make a case.



1

A CROWN THAT FIARES UPWARD

One museum rises in three bronze-colored tiers that grow wider toward the sky. Which photo shows that unusual crown? What might its shape represent?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

2

A MISSING PART OF A STORY

One memorial gained a new opening space years after it was dedicated. What detail about its president had visitors wanted to see represented? Which photo fits?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

3

A LIBRARY REBUILT FROM ASHES

The first congressional library burned in 1814. Congress paid \$23,950 for one former president's books to rebuild its collection. Which photo shows its later home?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

USE EACH PHOTO ONCE. REVEAL THE STORIES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

THE STORIES BEHIND THE PHOTOS

Check your matches. Each answer opens one more mystery.

CASE 1 • THE RISING CROWN

A is the African American History Museum. Its bronze-colored corona widens as it rises, drawing on a West African crown form. A building can tell a story before you enter. Bonus: which Olympic gymnast gave her leotard and uneven-bar grips to this museum?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

BONUS NAME: _____

CASE 2 • THE STORY MADE VISIBLE

B is the FDR Memorial. Its Prologue Room was added in 2001, years after the memorial opened. The new sculpture showed a part of Franklin Roosevelt's life that visitors had asked to see. Bonus: what was the president shown using?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

BONUS OBJECT: _____

CASE 3 • THE LIBRARY THAT RETURNED

C is the Library of Congress's later Jefferson Building. The first collection burned while the Library was housed in the Capitol. In 1815 Congress bought 6,487 books for \$23,950 to begin again. Bonus: which former president sold them?

MY MATCH: A / B / C

BONUS NAME: _____

BONUS ANSWERS

1 • Gabby Douglas 2 • His wheelchair 3 • Thomas Jefferson

CHOOSE YOUR CASE FILE

184 mysteries and creative challenges. No required order.

OFFICIAL CITY QUESTS

U.S. Capitol	10	Washington Monument	44
U.S. Supreme Court	16	Lincoln Memorial	48
Library of Congress	18	Vietnam + Korean War Memorials	52
National Archives Museum	22	World War II Memorial	54
American History Museum	28	MLK Memorial	58
Natural History Museum	34	Thomas Jefferson Memorial	60
Air and Space Museum	36	African American History Museum	62
The White House	40		

BONUS QUESTS

National Zoo	64	FDR Memorial	76
National Gallery of Art	68	Arlington National Cemetery	80
Georgetown Waterfront	72	U.S. Botanic Garden	84

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PICK A QUEST PATH

Choose the kind of mystery your crew wants today.

MONUMENT SHAPES

- ☐ Washington Monument
- ☐ Lincoln Memorial
- ☐ Jefferson Memorial
- ☐ World War II Memorial

TODAY'S PICK

POWER + PROMISES

- ☐ U.S. Capitol
- ☐ Supreme Court
- ☐ National Archives
- ☐ The White House

TODAY'S PICK

MUSEUM SECRETS

- ☐ African American History
- ☐ American History
- ☐ Air and Space
- ☐ National Gallery of Art

TODAY'S PICK

LIVING CITY

- ☐ Georgetown Waterfront
- ☐ National Zoo
- ☐ Botanic Garden
- ☐ FDR Memorial

TODAY'S PICK

Skip one. Swap one. Save one for tomorrow. A shorter excellent adventure still counts.

SOVE IT LIKE A QUEST DETECTIVE

Every quest follows the same four-move mystery loop.

1 PICK

Open a case file. Choose any quest that fits your day.

2 HUNT

Find, count, name, match, or spot the exact clue.

4 CREATE

Use Creative spreads to turn evidence into something new.

3 PROVE

Circle, draw, say, or write the evidence that solved it.

YOUR CASE FILE

PLACE CLUES PROOF POINTS

Grown-ups handle routes and breaks. Detectives handle the noticing.

HEAT, ACCESS, AND RESPECT ALWAYS OUTRANK POINTS.

CLIMB THE GUILD TOWER

Every solved clue moves your crew higher.

5

GUILD ARCHIVIST

277 POINTS

4

MASTER OF MEMORY

190-276 POINTS

3

MYSTIC MAPMAKER

122-189 POINTS

2

APPRENTICE SEEKER

55-121 POINTS

1

JUNIOR QUILL BEARER

0-54 POINTS

SCORE VAULT

CORE ____ / 199

BONUS ____ / 63

ANYTIME ____ / 15

TOTAL ____ / 277

90-minute hunt scores separately.

THE ONLY RULE

You do not have to finish everything. Notice something you would have missed.



U.S. CAPITOL

The Capitol Citadel



LOOK FOR THE STORY IN THE STONE

CASE FILE 01 / FIRST LOOK

WHO STANDS ABOVE THE DOME?

Congress makes laws here, but the building tells stories too. The Statue of Freedom crowns the dome; paintings and statues below preserve choices about whose history is seen. Find her silhouette first. Then hunt for a second symbol that changes your reading of this place.

Draw or map the detail you would show another explorer.

YOUR FIELD NOTES

FIRST CLUE

SECOND CLUE

OUR VERDICT

OUTDOOR EXPLORATIONS

10 ON THIS SPREAD

34 QUEST POINTS



THE OUTSIDE



THE ROTUNDA

1
POINT

FREEDOM ABOVE

Find the tiny figure crowning the dome. Now locate her much larger model in the Visitor Center. What bird shapes her helmet?

2
POINTS

THREE-PART CAPITOL

From the west lawn, find the dome between two long wings. Which side houses the Senate? Check the visitor map, then mark it.

2
POINTS

REFLECTION HUNT

Find the reflecting pool. Which part of the Capitol becomes easiest to recognize in the water? Sketch its shape and compare it with the real skyline.

1
POINT

GRANT'S HORSES

At the Grant Memorial, one horse rears because a bridle has broken. Find the group with that horse. How many horses pull its cannon?

2
POINTS

FREEDOM UP CLOSE

At the Visitor Center model, find the sword, shield, and wreath. Which item rests near her right hand, and which two are in her left?

2
POINTS

CAPITOL SYMBOL VOTE

The Crypt's floor star marks the city's center. Find it on the tour or in the official guide. Which four city quadrants meet there?

ACCESS NOTE

Historic rooms require a guided tour. Every activity on this spread can still be completed from the grounds or Visitor Center.

CAPITOL TOUR ROUTE

Complete these if your family takes the official guided tour.

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STATUARY HALL



THE CEILING



THE FIGURE ABOVE

In the Rotunda ceiling, find George Washington. Who sits on either side of him? Use two visible clues to tell them apart.



THE PAPER CHANGES HANDS

In Trumbull's Declaration painting, who presents a paper to the seated John Hancock? Name him or sketch his position.



CAPTURED COLORS

Look behind the delegates in the Declaration painting. What military objects hang against the rear wall?



THE PILOT'S HIDDEN CLUES

Find the pilot in Statuary Hall holding a cap and goggles. What is her name, and which state sent her statue?



FIND THE COMPASS STONE

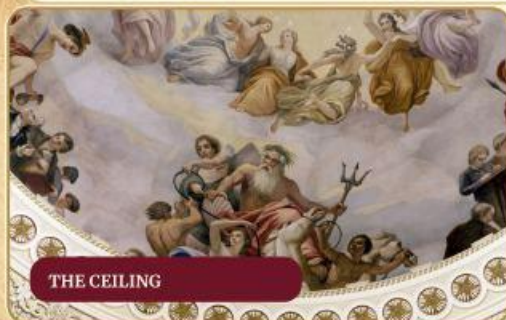
In the Crypt, find the white star on the floor. What do its four directions divide the city into?

CRYPT & STATUARY HALL

Compare what you see, hear, and remember.

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34 QUEST POINTS



THE CEILING



THE DETAILS

2

POINTS

FORTY SUPPORTS

The Crypt holds forty sandstone columns. Find one and sketch the simple shape at its top. Which floor do these columns support?

quick sketch

2

POINTS

TWO WAYS TO REMEMBER

Find Amelia Earhart and one other Statuary Hall figure. Which object or pose reveals each person's story? Name both clues.

2

POINTS

THE ECHO CHAMBER

Trace the half-dome of old House chamber with your pencil. Which edge or curve might send a whisper across the room?

quick sketch

1

POINT

EARHART'S GEAR

DONE ☐

Without touching, spot the pilot's scarf, cap, and goggles. Which one is held in her hand?

2

POINTS

FIND LINCOLN UNDERFOOT

In Statuary Hall, look for a floor marker naming Abraham Lincoln. Which state appears below his name? Follow your guide's route.

THE STATUE'S DAY OUT

QUEST 01 / CC-01 CASE COMIC

7 POINTS



STATUARY HALL, THEN - FIND A STATUE NOW

THE MAKING MISSION

A statue you saw steps down for one imaginary day. Where does it go, what choice does it face, and what does it bring back? Use two real details from the statue or Capitol setting.

TWO REAL CLUES TO CARRY

1. One detail from the actual statue
2. One detail from the room or building

ONE FINISHED ARTIFACT - CHECK FOR:

- ☐ Two observed details, named or drawn +2
- ☐ A problem and a real choice +2
- ☐ An ending that changes something +2
- ☐ Mark what is imagined +1

MAKE A SIX-PANEL STORY

Make one page worth keeping.

7 POINTS

FICTIONAL STORY - REAL PLACE CLUES

1

2

3

4

5

6

START HERE: choose the statue and two clues.

FINISH TOMORROW: complete the final two panels.