

Stranger In A Strange Land Treasure Hunt

Use this treasure hunt in the River, Prairie, and People Exhibit Hall to learn about the immigration/migration of people in the Quad City region.

Enter the gallery and proceed to the panel on the left next to the mastodon molar tooth.

1. The earliest people to live in this region were Paleo-Indian descendants of people from _____ during the years 10,000 and 7000 B.C.

Prehistoric people and Native Americans inhabited the region until the 1670s when we see "Two Cultures Struggle"

2. Venturesome _____ came into the Mississippi Valley in the 1670s and found scattered bands of Native Americans.

Continue through the exhibit and learn about explorers and the Black Hawk War. After the war, our area saw many "Settlers at the Upper Rapids".

3. One of the new settlements was called Taylor Ridge and was named after James Taylor, a native of _____.

As riverboats and later railroads brought people to the region, towns began to grow. Commerce abounded in the area. Look for the printing press. After learning about its use, turn around to learn about the "48ers".

4. The "48ers" were a group of revolutionaries who left _____ and settled on farms in the eastern Iowa-western Illinois region.

Next walk past the Civil War display and the ship's pilothouse to the Grocer and Dry Goods case. Look at the surrounding cases to learn about some of the region's major industries.

5. The region's Pearl Button Industry was founded by _____, an immigrant from _____.

The red section of the exhibit introduces the major immigrant groups for our area. Use this display to answer the following questions.

6. Blacks lived in this region well before 1860. Name an individual of the black community and something significant about them.

7. The Belgian immigrants began arriving in this region in the 1880s.

What language did they bring? _____

What is "Rolle Bolle"? _____

What unique art did they pass down? _____

8. What three things combined to bring waves of Irish people to America in the mid nineteenth century?

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

9. Name two other groups to immigrate to this region during the nineteenth century.

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Move to the WWI case. During this war pro-American/anti-foreign statements encouraged conformity of immigrants. This caused many groups to hide their heritage.

10. Conformity caused problems for our region's large German-American population. After all, Germany was the enemy. Name three steps taken by the government that affected this group of immigrants.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In the early 1900s, the area had a widely diversified economy. Read about "Business and Industry 1900-1945" to answer the following questions.

11. The local food processing company now known as Oscar Mayer was originally called Kohrs Packing Company and was started by an immigrant from _____.

12. The Victor Animatograph Company built a motion picture and projection system created by an inventor born in _____.

As you continue past WWII and through the decades from 1950-1980, you will find that once again we see the importance of cultural heritage acknowledged and celebrated in our region. Today, many people still immigrate to our area. After reading about our newest "Immigrants", answer the following questions.

13. Since 1900, the Quad Cities have been enriched by new people from around the globe.

What four major groups are part of this area's newest immigrants?

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What is "Rolle Bolle"? Lawn bowling

What unique art did they pass down? Lace making

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1. potato famines
2. religious persecution
3. lack of opportunity

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2. Welsh

(also Scottish, Norwegians and Danes)

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2. German language books publicly burned
3. Council on National Defense kept an eye on suspected German sympathizers

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2. Slavic
3. Southeast Asian Refugees
4. Mexicans

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1. John Deere
2. Bettendorf Company
3. Rock Island Line
4. Arsenal