

Putnam Museum Exhibit Hall Treasure Hunt

*It is not necessary to complete this Treasure Hunt in chronological order. See the Exhibit Hall names in **BOLD** letters and work on the portion of the Hunt that applies to your location. Fill in the blanks as you discover the treasures along the way. This Treasure Hunt is intended to add to your adventure. Use all or part of it, but be sure to take time to look around and enjoy the fascinating objects that we have been able to preserve. Thank you for your support!*

HALL OF MAMMALS

1. Find the fascinating pangolin. What continent are they from? Asia

What do you think is their primary method of defense? Armor or plates

2. See the Frozen Arctic diorama. Name an Arctic mammal and one of its adaptations for survival.

Polar bears, Beluga whales, Seals, Arctic Fox--thick fur, layers of fat, protective coloring, fur on feet, seal whiskers distance-touch sensation, fin-footed bodies, and more

3. Find the tusk of the narwhal. Narwhals are close relatives of the Beluga whale.

4. See the African Savannah diorama. Name a cat-like mammal found here. lion, cheetah, caracal, serval, genet

Name a deer or antelope-like mammal found here. Gazelle, steinbok, oryx, topi, gerenuk

BLACK EARTH/BIG RIVER *Look closely, but do not touch the specimens found here.*

As you enter . . .

1. Find a large bird that prefers a wetland habitat. Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Black Crown Night Heron, kingfisher, mallard
2. Name an upland forest in our area that you can visit to enjoy nature. Black Hawk State Park, Wildcat Den State Park, Eden Valley Refuge

In the cave . . .

3. Write the name of a fossil that you might find in our area. Bryozoan, brachiopod, trilobite, coral, pelecypod, crinoid, gastropod
Can you pronounce the word correctly? Give it a try.
4. Find your state's rock. What is it called? Geode-Iowa, Fluorite-Illinois
5. Find the giant aquarium. Name your favorite creature in the tank. Bass, Bluegill, Catfish, Garr, Minnow, Crayfish (Crawdadd) (Check the tank)

ASIAN GALLERY

1. Find the large blue containers from 18th century China. Hint--one has fish handles and one has dragon handles. What were they used for?
Incense burners in temples
2. See the collection of Chinese coins. What was the most common coin called? Cash
3. Choose one of the large objects from Japan and name it here. Shinto shrine, goddess of mercy, temple bell, armor and swords
4. Find an object from an Asian country other than China or Japan. Name the object and the country it is from.
Buddha from Java, the bamboo book from Siam (Thailand), others

UNEARTHING ANCIENT EGYPT

1. What two seas border the country of Egypt? Red, Mediterranean
2. Name two deities of ancient Egypt. Osiris, Anubis, Isis, Horus, Bes

What is a deity? A god

3. The number of pots owned by a man in ancient Egypt was a measure of his wealth.
4. What was the ancient Egyptians' system of writing called? Hieroglyphics

GEMS OF THE EARTH *is found at the top of the black marble staircase.*

1. Agates are a colorful variety of what more commonly known rock? Quartz
2. Name the "Gem of the Earth" that you like the most. choice

RIVER, PRAIRIE AND PEOPLE

Travel this timeline of our region from the prehistoric to the present.

1. By 1800, people of the Sac and Mesquakie villages traded with the Americans and Europeans on the frontier. See the diorama of the two people trading. What did the native people of this area have that the explorers and traders wanted? Furs
2. Identify the man in the painting who was the founder of Davenport. Antoine LeClaire
3. Look ahead to find clues to the two forms of transportation that were instrumental in the development of this region

(1) steamboats or riverboats (2) trains or railroads
4. During the Civil War there was a prison camp on the Island.
What was the name of the island then? Rock Island What is the name of that island today? Arsenal Island
5. Between WWI and the local popularity of jazz and radio, women won suffrage.
What is suffrage? The right to vote

When was it won? August 24, 1920
6. During WWII, the Rock Island Arsenal employed over 18,000 (#) people, most of them women.
7. Match the object to the decade.

Star Wars---80'ss

I Like Ike (who's Ike?)--- 50's, Ike was (President) Dwight D. Eisenhower's nickname

Glass bulbs for a camera (what were they for?)--- 60's, the bulbs were for flash photography

The Bicentennial and the pocket calculator---70'ss

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when you return with your family and friends!*