

HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK SCAVENGER HUNT



Follow these questions and clues to discover the diverse and exciting history of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The **bolded locations** preceding each section will help direct you to the area or museum where you can find those answers. The questions will require your knowledge, your detective skills, and a keen sense of adventure!

Hamilton Street (#7 on map), located behind the railroad trestles, was the home to several buildings.

1. For what were some of the buildings used?

Bridge Street (near #7)

Walk down Bridge Street until you reach the river. Here you will notice two piles of rock in the river. (Note: These may not be visible when the water is high.)

2. For what do you think they were used?

The Bookshop (#5) was built between 1825 and 1834.

3. How many chimneys does this structure have?

0 1 2 3 4

4. What are some reasons that a building would have so many chimneys?

HALT! **Provost Marshal's Office (#9)**
"Show your pass!" would have been heard throughout Harpers Ferry. The Union Provost Guards for the United States Military patrolled the streets here during the Civil War.

5. By looking at the prisoner status on the wall, where were the 501 Rebels captured?

Industry Museum (#4)

In the 19th century, Harpers Ferry was an industrial village. This museum reflects some of the innovation and industry that was here.

6. List two things that were produced by water power in Harpers Ferry.
a. _____
b. _____
7. Locate John Hall's Rifle Works on the map of Virginius Island.

Hall's perfection of _____ technology represents a major development in the industrial revolution.

Dry Goods Store (#11)

In the 1850s more than 40 Harpers Ferry merchants, including several dry goods, grocery, and hardware stores served a population of over 2,500 people.

8. What were three transportation systems that brought goods to Harpers Ferry in the 1850s?

9. Could you have purchased items here in the Dry Goods Store on credit (Hint: Check the advertisements on the walls)?

YES NO

Master Armorer's House (#1)

Harpers Ferry preserves over 240 years of American History.

10. What are the six stories that happened here?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____



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Restoration Museum (#2)

There are questions related to the original appearance of buildings because of the changes that could have occurred over several decades.

11. List three different public records that give us information about a building's prior use and occupants.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Porch and area behind Restoration Museum

12. What is now where the window used to be?

13. Throughout Harpers Ferry you will find rock walls. What caused the cylindrical cuts in the rock walls?

Prehistoric Worms Drills

John Brown Museum (#15)

These restored buildings now house an interactive exhibit that tells the story of John Brown and the turbulent times in which he lived.

14. How many years ago, from today, did John Brown's Raid occur?
(Current year) - 1859 = _____

John Brown's Fort (#13), was the armory fire engine house used by John Brown as a final refuge during his raid in 1859.

15. What were the crimes John Brown was convicted of having committed?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

C & O Canal (across the footbridge from #14)

16. What number is the lock that is located on the other side of the pedestrian bridge?

33 27 45 23 31

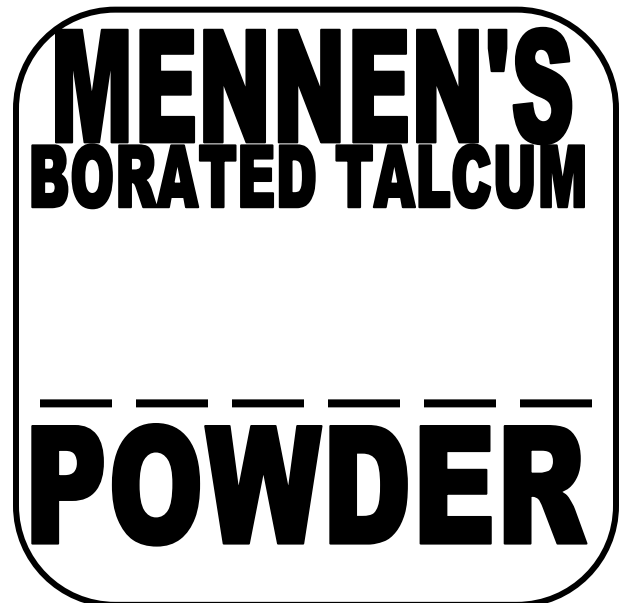
The Point (#14)

Here you can see the joining of the two rivers.

17. Names these two rivers

- a. _____
- b. _____

18. Look at the side of the mountain (Maryland Heights), and try to finish the sign that was painted about 1896.



Arsenal Square (#12)

Here you can see the partial foundations of the two United States Arsenal buildings.

19. What was the purpose of the arsenal?

Education and the Struggle for Equality (#17)

After the Civil War, Storer College opened as a school to teach newly freed slaves.

20. One of the first trustees of Storer College was an escaped slave who later became an abolitionist leader. His name was:

Niagara Movement Exhibit (#17)

This is a movement that provided a foundation organization for the Civil Rights Movement and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

21. "The clash of titans" was between what two people?

African American Exhibit (#22)

22. Isaac Gilbert raised the considerable sum of \$ _____ to purchase his wife and their three children.

Defeat and Victory (#19)

23. In 1862 General Robert E. Lee led confederate troops into the North. This campaign was known as:

The _____ Campaign

Maryland West Virginia Virginia

24. Often soldiers would leave markings in areas that they have been. One example can be found on the back room of this museum. What does the graffiti on the wall say?

Harper House (#25)

Built by Robert Harper between 1775 and 1782, this is the oldest surviving structure in the park.

25. How much rent did the McGraw family pay to live in a portion of the Harper House in 1856?

\$ _____

Jefferson Rock (#26)

Thomas Jefferson visited the town of Harpers Ferry in 1783 and stated that this view was "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."



26. Why were the red sandstone pillars placed under the rock by the armory superintendent in 1860?

Bonus Questions!

What do you think caused the crack in the stone steps?

27. _____

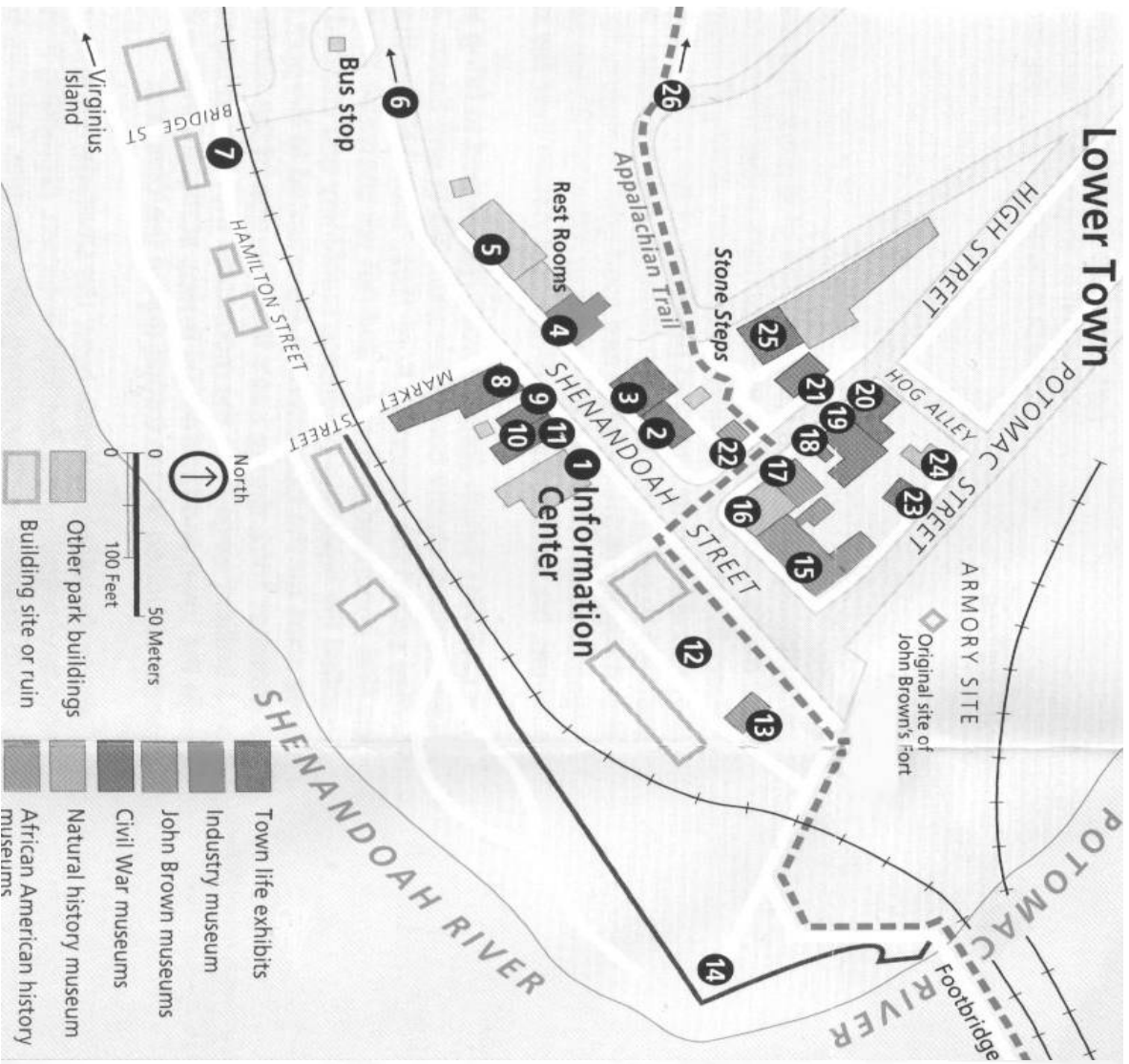
Throughout Harpers Ferry, you might notice brown posts with white blazes, lines, and arrows on the top. What do these posts mark? (Hint: This trail runs from Maine to Georgia)

28. _____



Historical Search- Answer Key

1. Housing, marketplace, brewery, paymaster house, boarding house, armory workers dwelling, butcher shop
2. A bridge
3. 3 chimneys
4. To provide heat for the house
5. Cedar Creek
6. Cotton sheeting, cotton yarn, guns, timber billet, candle wicking, linseed oil, paper pulp, tanned hides
7. Interchangeability of parts
8. Canal, railroads, and roads
9. No
10. a) Industry, b) John Brown, c) Civil War, d) African American History, e) Natural Heritage, f) Transportation
11. Deeds, maps, leases, newspaper ads, photographs
12. Bricks or a Brick wall
13. Drills
14. For 2007, the answer is 148 years ago
15. Murder, Treason, Inciting Slaves to Rebellion
16. 33
17. The Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers
18. TOILET
19. To store weapons
20. Fredrick Douglass
21. W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington
22. \$1,400.00
23. Maryland
24. "W.H. Shuster. C° N Phil^a Fire Zouaves"
25. \$60.00 a year
26. Stabilize the rock
27. Continental plates colliding
28. Appalachian Trail



- 1 Lower Town Point of Interest**
- 1 Information Center/Master Interest
 - 2 Armorer's House
 - 3 Restoration Museum
 - 4 Frankel's Clothing Store
 - 5 Industry Museum
 - 6 Bookshop
 - 7 Blacksmith Shop
 - 8 Hamilton Street
 - 9 A Place in Time
 - 10 Provost Marshal Office
 - 11 Mrs. Stipes' Boarding House
 - 12 Dry Goods Store
 - 13 Arsenal Square
 - 14 John Brown's Fort
 - 15 The Point
 - 16 John Brown Museum
 - 17 Harpers Ferry Wetlands
 - 18 Storer College/Niagara Movement
 - 19 A. Burton Clocks and Jewelry
 - 20 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry
 - 21 Confectionery
 - 22 Civil War Museum
 - 23 Black Voices
 - 24 White Hall Tavern
 - 25 Meriwether Lewis Exhibit
 - 26 Harper House
 - 27 Jefferson Rock/Harper Cemetery