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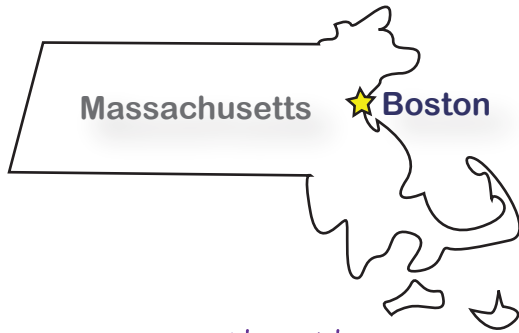
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The history of... *Boston*

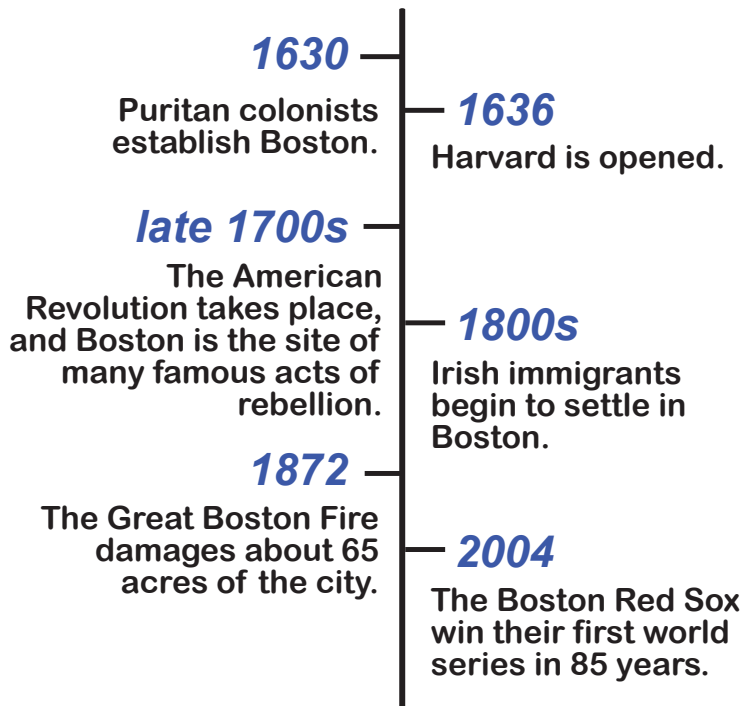


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U O E E I V C G E L O L T
M H W X N I I Z N S L B S
C H A R L E S R I V E R O
S C I T L E C N O T S O B

Time Line



Faneuil Hall
Boston Red Sox
Charles River
Baked Beans
Boston Celtics

Quiz

Fill in the blank:

Boston Harbor has 34 _____ .

Answer: Islands. Together, the 34 islands form Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.



Ride the *subway!*

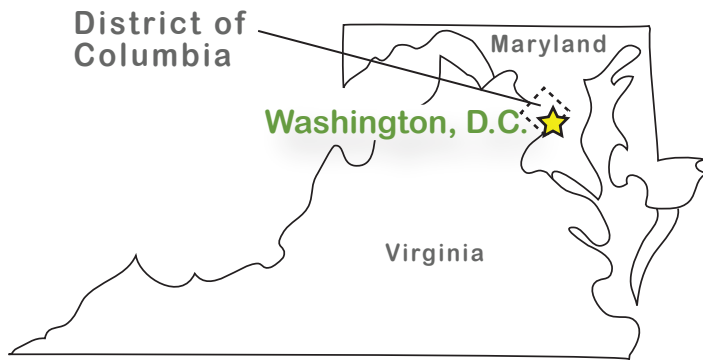
Boston's underground transit system, "The T," was the first active subway in the United States. Can you find your way to the stations below? Using the subway map for clues, fill in the blanks with the line color or station name.

- To get from Forest Hills station to Oak Grove station, take the _____ line.
- To get from Lechmere station to Heath station, take the _____ line.
- To get from Alewife station to Mattapan station, take the Red Line and transfer at _____ station.

Answers: 1) ORANGE 2) GREEN 3) ASHMONT

The history of...

Washington, D.C.



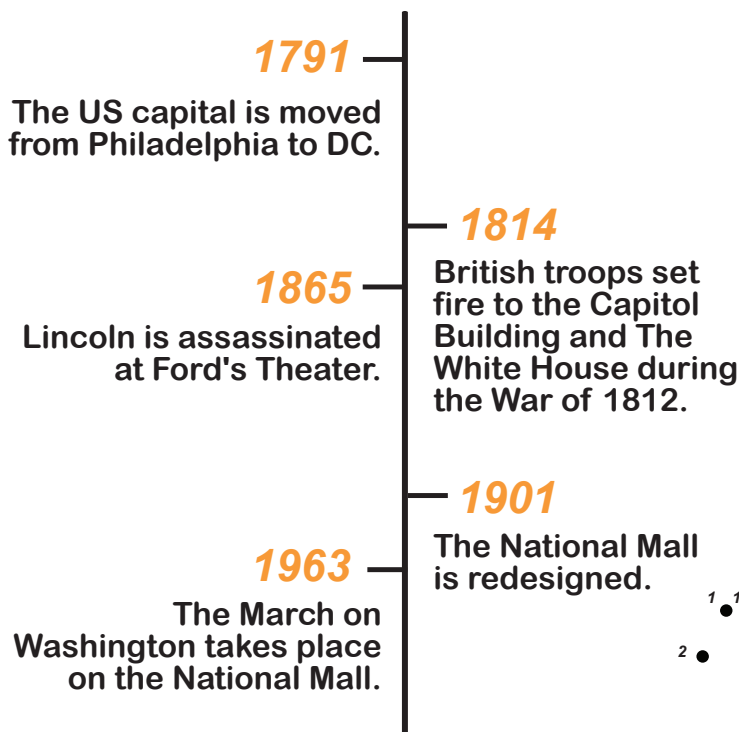
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 I D P U Z E T X O U M R Q
 N L C A T M N Z A T A T E
 E F W H I T E H O U S E W
 O Z R X L R E L R Z A M D
 H O D E I V T F E K O L K
 K E N N E D Y C E N T E R
 A T Z F N O I J O N E A B
 E R A U Q N R E E B O I P

Metrorail
 White House
 Capitol Hill
 Potomac River
 Kennedy Center

Time Line



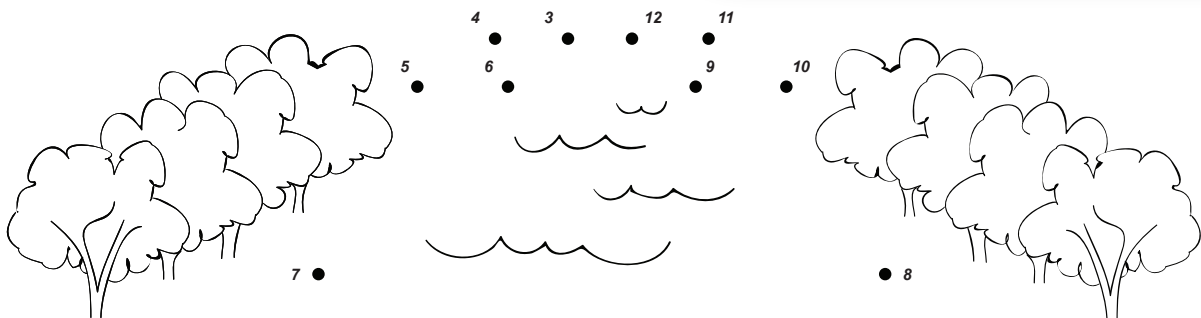
Quiz

How is Washington, D.C. different from all other U.S. states?

It has no Congressional representative.
 Washington, D.C. is what's called a "federal district," not an official state.

Connect the dots!

Can you guess which memorial structure is pictured here?
 Connect the dots to find out!

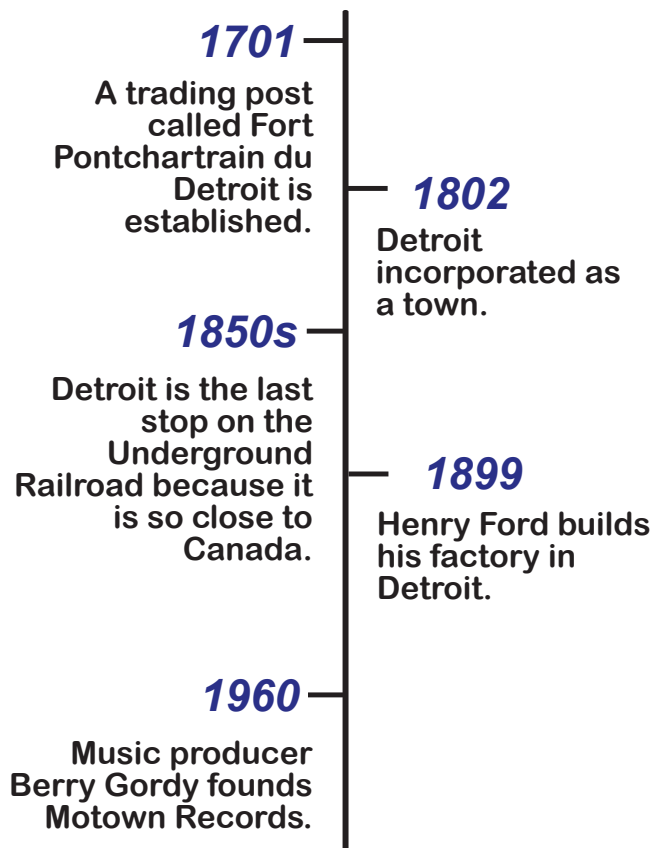


Answer: The Washington Monument, built in 1884 to honor first U.S. President George Washington.

The history of... *Detroit*



Time Line



Word Search!

Find and circle the famous features listed below. Words may be upside down, backward, or diagonal.

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L	Q	Z	E	Y	T	I	C	R	O	T	O	M

- Motor City
- Detroit Tigers
- Red Wings
- Motown
- Detroit River

Quiz

Fill in the blank:
Detroit is the _____ city in the state of Michigan.

Answer: Largest. Detroit has a population of over 700,000 people!

Spot the Differences!

Detroit's famous nickname, "The Motor City," for its famous spot in automobile manufacturing history. Can you find five differences between these two cars? You can color them, too!

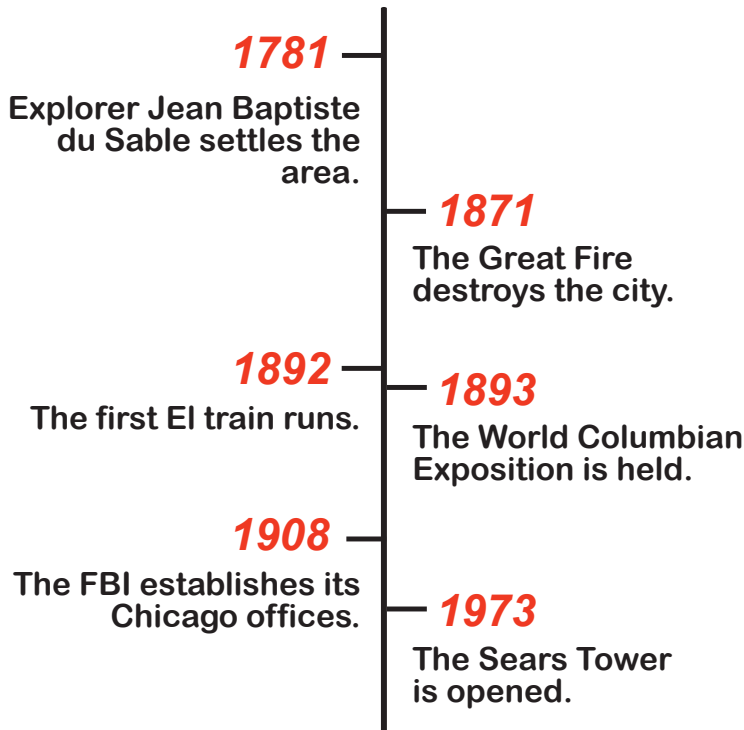


Answers: 1) Star hood ornament on #1. 2) Bumper on #1 is bigger. 3) No round headlights on #1. 4) Top lights on #1 are closer together. 5) #2 has windshield wipers.

The history of... *Chicago*



Time Line



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 A N E O U U E O A A B S E
 P D P U Z B B X O U M D Q
 N L C A T M O Z A T A A E
 L F H J I P G G O A T Y W
 O Z R X L R A L A Z A N D
 C O D E I V C F E C O L K
 N H O X N I I Z O N I B E
 I T Z F N O H J O N E H B
 L A K E M I C H I G A N C

- Lincoln Park
- Lake Michigan
- Chicago Bears
- Chicago Bulls
- Windy City

Quiz

How did Chicago get its name?

The most likely explanation is that "Chicago" comes from the *shikaakwa*, meaning "wild onion" in Algonquin, a Native American language.

Name that lake!

Chicago sits on Lake Michigan, one of the Great Lakes. Can you match the Great Lakes with their names?

- A) Lake Superior
- B) Lake Huron
- C) Lake Michigan
- D) Lake Ontario
- E) Lake Erie



Answers: 1) C 2) E 3) B 4) D 5) A

The history of...

Cleveland



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S F H J I P K A O A T B A
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C A V A L I E R S D G E R

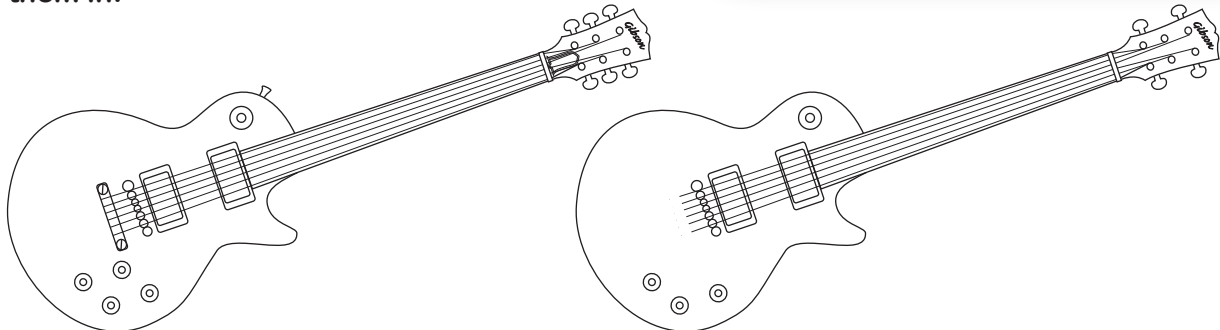
Time Line

- 1796** — Surveyors map the land and name it after the project's leader, Moses Cleaveland.
- 1830s** — Cleveland begins to grow after completion of nearby Erie Canal.
- 1870** — John D. Rockefeller founds Standard Oil in Cleveland.
- late 1800s - mid-1900s** — For almost a century, Cleveland is a major center of industry for products like oil, steel, and automobiles.
- 1995** — The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame opens.

Cuyahoga River
Lake Erie
Indians
Cavaliers
Browns

Spot the differences!

Famous guitar designer Les Paul created many of the guitars on display at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Perhaps his most famous guitar is one called the Gibson Les Paul, used by many of the most famous rock and roll players in history. Find five differences between the Les Paul Gibson at right and the guitar on the left. Then, color them in!



Quiz

Cleveland's first resident was a settler named _____.

Answer: Lorenzo Carter. He built a two-room log cabin on the banks of the Cuyahoga River.

Answers: 1) Bridge (at bottom of strings) missing 2) Bell-shaped decoration at top missing 3) Control dial missing 4) Tuning pegs missing 5) No strap peg (on top right curve)

The history of... *Kansas City*



Word Search!

Find the famous landmarks and features listed below.
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I O N Z Y T I C Y D N I W
R E V I R I R U O S S I M
I C L O D S R A S I E N H
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H N E O U U E O A A B S E
M D P U Z B B X O U M D Q
U L C A T M C Z A T A A E
S F H J I P H G O A T R W
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U O D E I V E F E C O Y K
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Z A K V M I C B I G A S C

Time Line

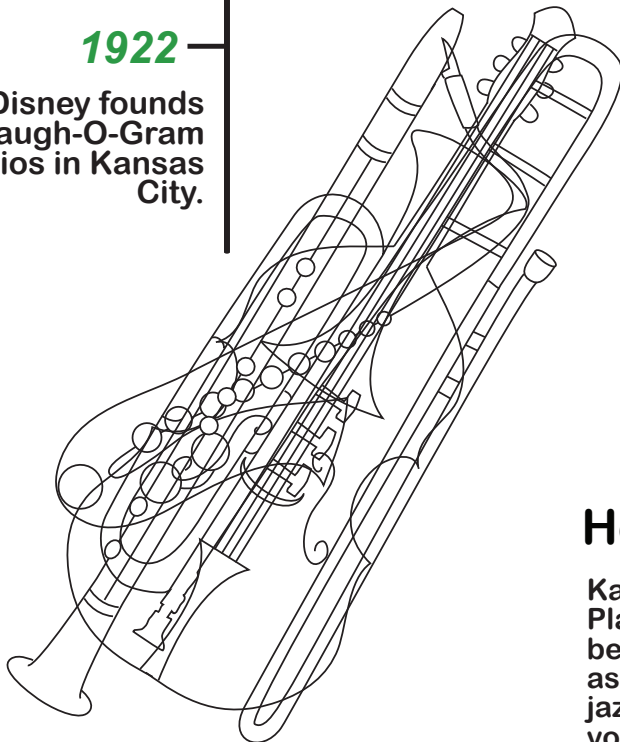
- 1833** — John Calvin McCoy starts a trading post.
- 1838** — The “Town of Kansas” is established.
- 1854 - 1858** — A fight takes place in the Kansas Territory between pro- and anti-slavery groups, which leads to the Civil War.
- 1908** — Henry Perry begins selling barbecue from a street corner. His recipe becomes the “Kansas City” style of barbecue.
- 1922** — Walt Disney founds Laugh-O-Gram Studios in Kansas City.

- Missouri River
- Irish Museum
- Jazz Festival
- Chiefs
- Royals

Quiz

Kansas City has the second-highest number of _____ of any city in the world.

Answer: Fountains. Only Rome, Italy has more. One of Kansas City's nicknames is the City of Fountains.



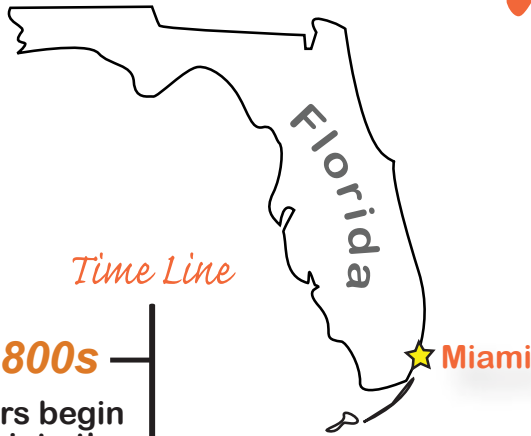
Answer: Five instruments. Trumpet, trombone, clarinet, bass, saxophone.

How many *instruments*?

Kansas City earned the nickname “Paris of the Plains” during the jazz age, from 1920 - 1940. It became a center of jazz and other music, as well as literature, arts, and performance. How many jazz instruments can you find in this picture? Can you name them all?

The history of...

Miami



Time Line

early 1800s

Settlers begin to move into the area.

late 1800s

Local woman Julia Tuttle convinces railroad companies to build a line to Miami. She succeeds, the city grows, and it is founded in 1896.

1910s

Miami's becomes a top tourist destination.

1926

The Great Miami Hurricane hits land.

1960s

Cuban immigrants begin to settle in Miami.

Word Search!

Find the famous landmarks and people listed below.
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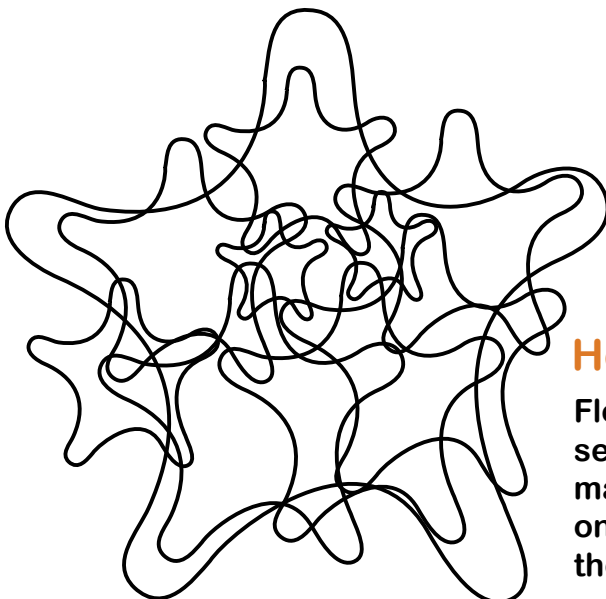
Biscayne Bay
Miami Dolphins
Atlantic Ocean
Port of Miami
Coral Reefs

Quiz

Fill in the blank:

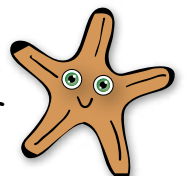
Miami is the only city in the United States to lie between two _____.

Answer: National parks. Miami lies between Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Park.



How many starfish?

Florida's beaches are home to many exotic sea creatures, including the starfish! How many starfish can you find in the drawing on the left? Once you find the answer, color the drawing however you like!



The history of... *Memphis*



Word Search!

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L O E E I V C G E T I L M
E H W X N I I Z N S I T A
Y T O F N O H J O I E H Y
L X T E E R T S E L A E B

River City
Beale Street
Elvis Presley
Memphis in May
W.C. Handy

Time Line

- 1826** — Memphis is incorporated as a city.
- 1862** — The Union wins the Battle of Memphis in the Civil War.
- 1878** — An epidemic of yellow fever spreads across Memphis.
- 1940s** — Blues music begins to become popular in Memphis.
- 1952** — Sun Records opens.
- 1968** — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Color the *Beale Street* sign!



From B.B. King to W.C. Handy, Memphis has been home to some of the best-known blues musicians in American history. Unscramble the words to discover fascinating facts about Beale Street, where many of the most famous blues clubs were located.

Quiz

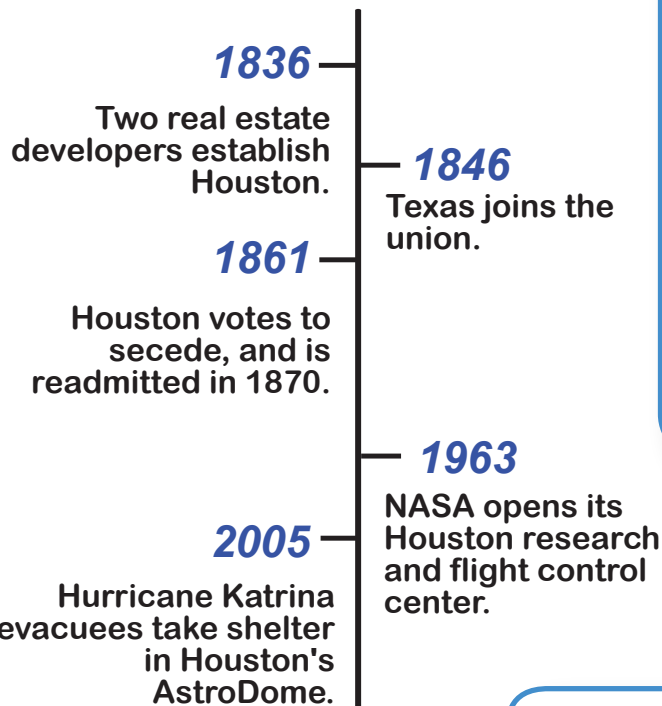
Which of the three founders of Memphis later became President of the United States?

Andrew Jackson. The other two were John Overton and James Winchester.

1. Many of Memphis' famous musicians are honored on the _____ Walk of Fame. **ASRSB OENT**
2. Beale Street was at its busiest and best during the 1920s, sometimes called the _____ 20s. **INOARGR**
3. The _____ River lies at the foot of Beale Street. **PISISMISSIP**

Answers: 1) BRASS NOTE 2) ROARING 3) MISSISSIPPI

The history of... *Houston*



Word Search!

Find the famous landmarks and features listed below.
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- Houston Astros
- Magnolia Trees
- Space Center
- Ship Channel
- Houston Rodeo

Word Scramble!

Houston has played an important role in space travel through NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration), earning it the nickname of "Space City." Unscramble these words to learn some interesting facts about Houston and space exploration!

Color the space shuttle!



- Houston is home to NASA _____, which directs NASA space flights.
- It controls the U.S. part of the International _____.

ISONSIM LTROCON
CEPSA ONTATSI

Answers: 1) MISSION CONTROL 2) SPACE STATION

The history of... *San Antonio*



Word Search!

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Time Line

1691

Area is explored by Spanish missionaries.

1718

City is founded with the establishment of a mission.

1836

The Battle of the Alamo, a pivotal moment in the Texan Revolution, takes place.

1845

Texas becomes a part of the Union.

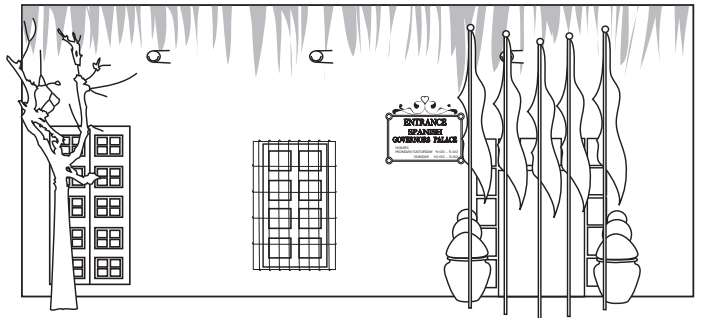
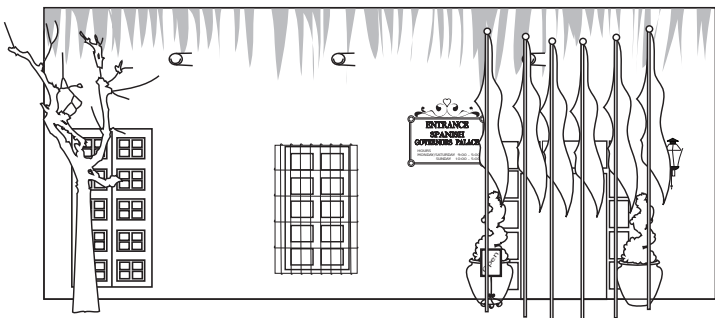
1865

San Antonio becomes the center of the cattle industry.

River City
River Walk
The Alamo
Tex Mex Cuisine
Spurs

Spot the *differences!*

San Antonio is known for its rich architecture, reflecting its Spanish and Mexican roots. The historic Spanish Governor's Palace was built in the 18th century in the Spanish Colonial style. Can you spot five differences between the Palace entrance on the left and the similar one on the right? If you like, color them in!



Quiz

San Antonio is home to the nation's second-oldest _____.

_____ second-oldest in the U.S.!

Answer: Park. San Pedro Springs Park is the oldest park in San Antonio and the

Answers: 1) One flag is missing 2) Shrubs are different 3) Window has fewer panes 4) Tree branch is missing 5) Lamp is missing

The history of... *Albuquerque*

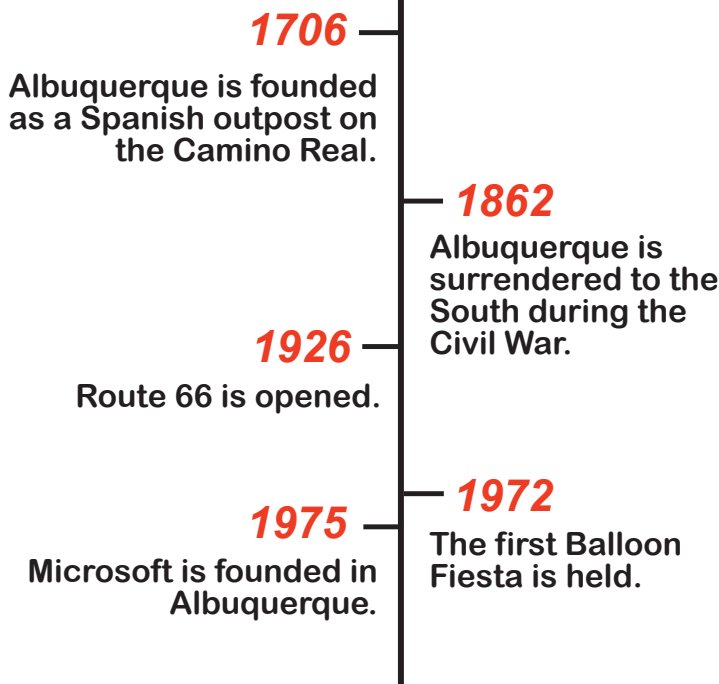


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E L R A T N N Z A U A N E
H F B J I D G W O O T Y W
T Z R X Z E N A O A A N D
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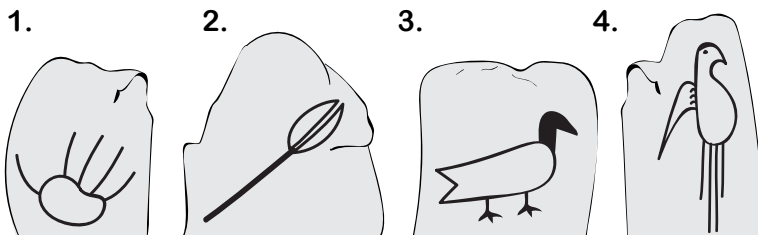
Time Line



Old Town
Rio Grande
Hot Air Balloon
West Mesa
KiMo Theater

What are *petroglyphs*?

Petroglyphs are pictures etched into the surface of rocks. The ones at Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque date as far back as the 1300s! They described the complex society and religion of the Pueblo Indians who drew them. Can you match the petroglyphs on the rocks below with their meanings? *Optional:* Turn your paper over and draw your own petroglyph "story!"



Quiz

The word "KiMo" means "mountain lion" in what language?

Answer: Tewa, a Native American language spoken by the Pueblo peoples.

- A. *Macaw bird.* Since Macaws were not native, this may be evidence of trade with Central and South American peoples
- B. *Unknown bird.* Birds are often represented in petroglyphs.
- C. *Yucca pod.* Represents the importance of land cultivation.
- D. *A hand.* A single hand is one of the most common petroglyphs.

Answers: 1) D 2) C 3) B 4) A

The history of...

Portland

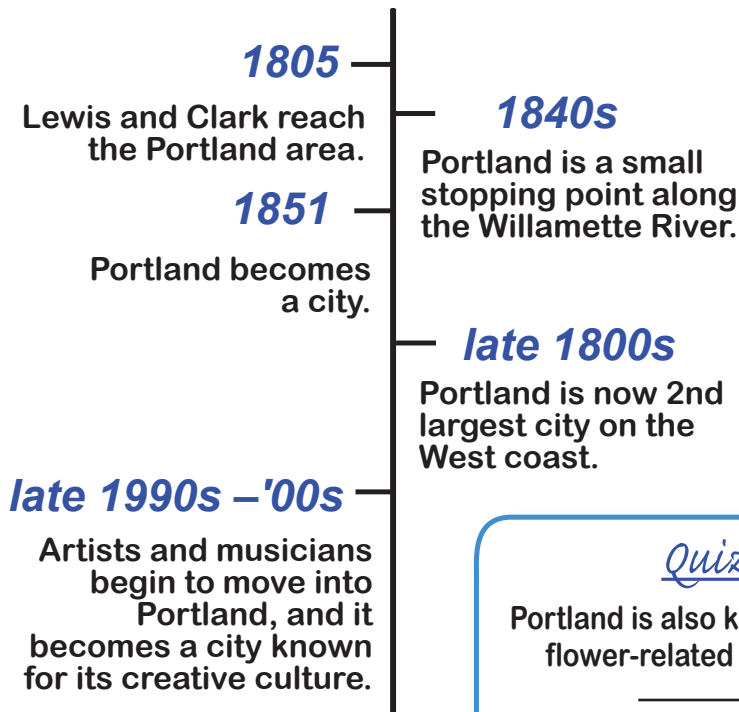


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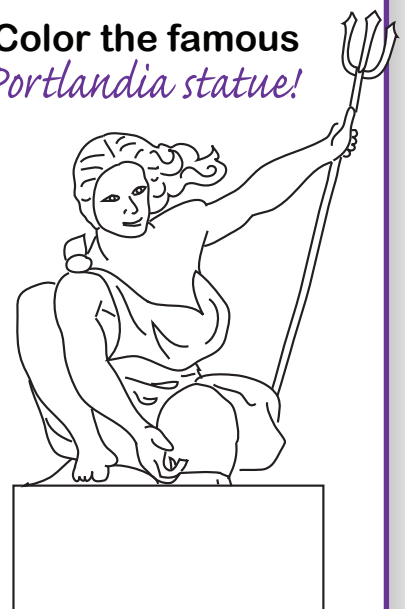
- Columbia River
- Trail Blazers
- Oregon Zoo
- Powell's Books
- Green City

Quiz

Portland is also known by what flower-related nickname?

City of Roses. Roses thrive in Portland's climate. It is home to the annual Portland Rose Festival.

Color the famous *Portlandia* statue!



Portlandia by artist Raymond Kaskey

Fill in the blanks!

Portland is home to a great variety of art and artists. Can you unscramble the answers to these questions about Portland art, literature and film?

- Portland is home to *The Simpsons* animator _____.
- _____ is a movie recently filmed in Portland.
- _____, author of the *Ramona Quimby* books, grew up in Portland.

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Answers: 1) Matt Groening 2) Twilight 3) Beverly Cleary

The history of... *Sacramento*

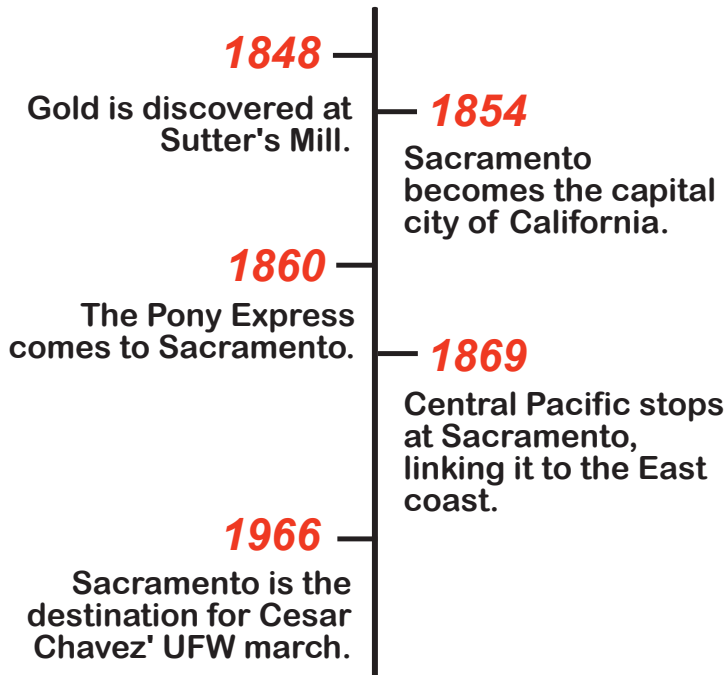


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Time Line



American River
Riverboats
Train Museum
Tower Bridge
Kings

Quiz

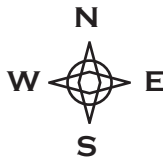
Fill in the blank:

Sacramento was a terminus, or end point, on the First _____.

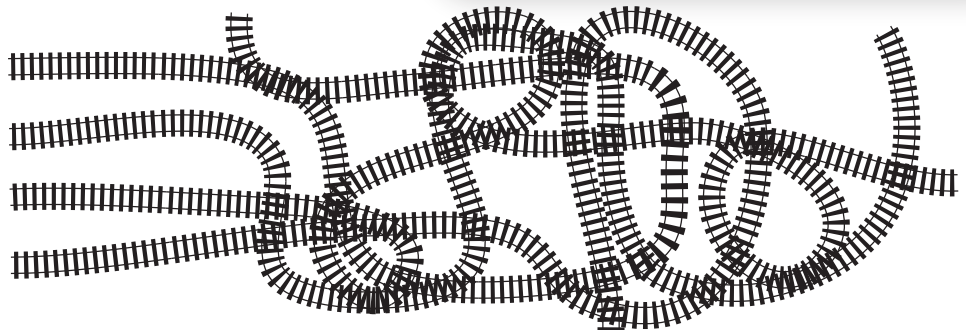
Transcontinental Railroad. It stretched from Sacramento to Omaha, Nebraska.

Conduct the *train!*

Sacramento was an important part of railroad development in America. Which of these rail lines leads from the west end of the city to the east? Follow the tracks to lead the train from one station to the other.



Start



End

The history of...

San Francisco



Time Line

1769

Spanish explorers arrive and claim the San Francisco Bay

1848

Gold is discovered in Sacramento.

1906

A major earthquake and fire hit the growing city.

1960s

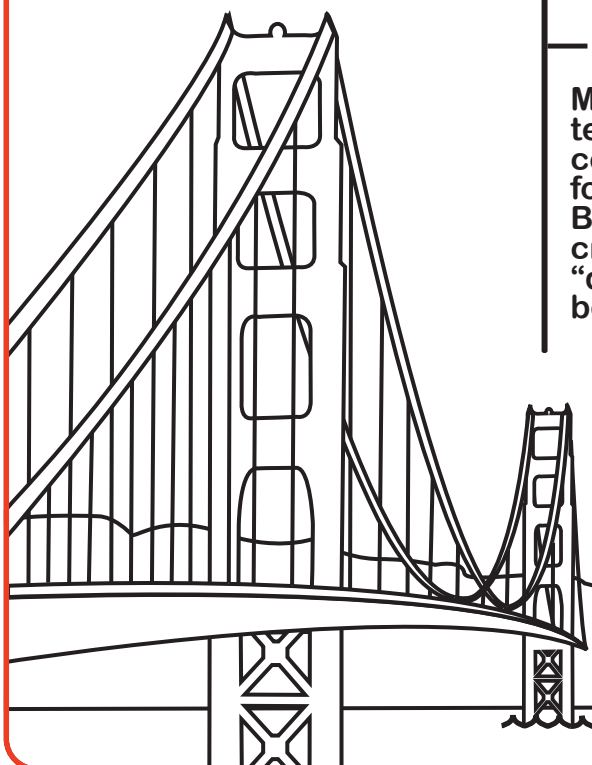
San Francisco becomes the center of the "hippie movement" and thousands of young people move to San Francisco to be a part of the culture.

1989

Another major earthquake, the Loma Prieta quake, devastates the city.

1990s

Many technology companies are founded in the Bay Area, creating the "dot-com boom".



Word Search!

Find the San Francisco landmarks listed below.

H	O	F	D	C	Z	O	O	O	A	O	O
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T	F	H	J	L	P	T	K	O	L	T	T
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A	O	U	A	D	A	N	A	T	D	A	O
Y	T	R	G	E	G	W	G	Q	S	N	C

Coit Tower
Beat Poets
Alcatraz
Angel Island
Chinatown

Quiz

What dessert is reported to have been invented at the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco?

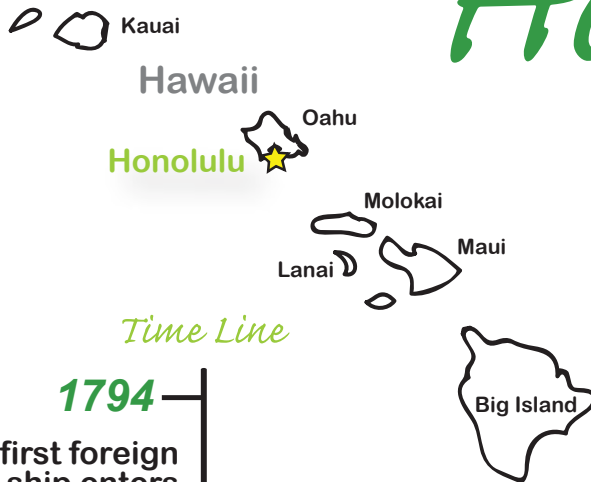
Answer: fortune cookies

Color the Golden Gate Bridge!

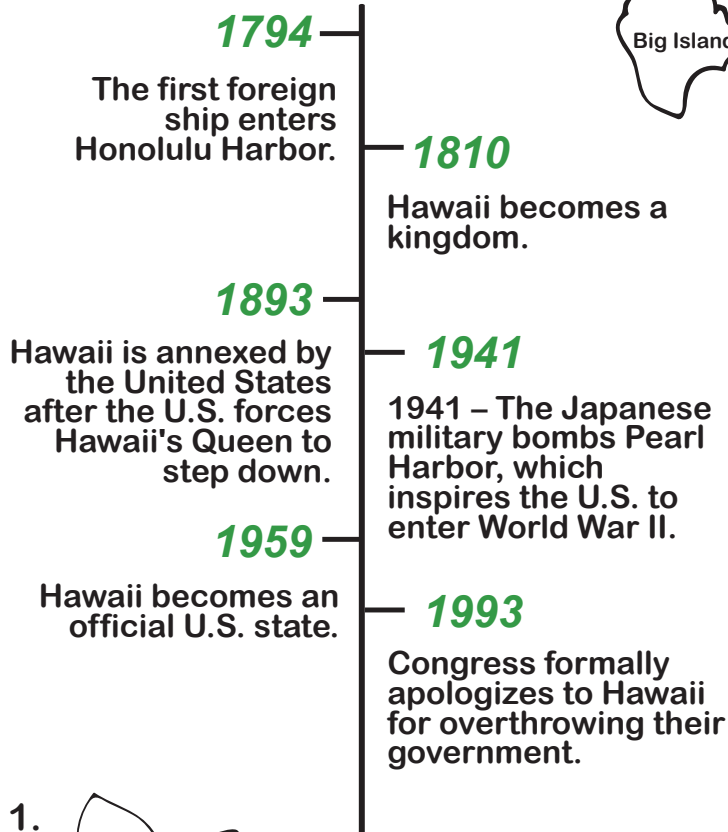
The bridge is painted a red-orange color known as "International Orange," but you can use whatever colors you want!

The history of...

Honolulu



Time Line



Word Search!

Find the Honolulu landmarks and features listed below. Words may be forward, backward, diagonal, or even upside down!

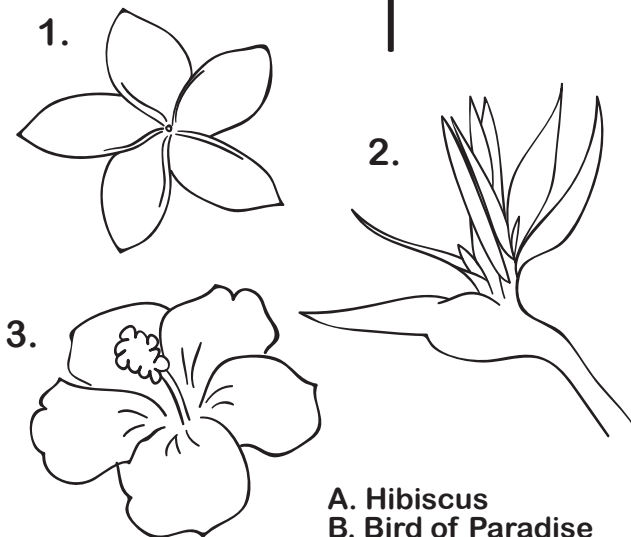
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 W A I K I K I B E A C H

Waikiki Beach
 Diamond Head
 Hanauma Bay
 Sugarcane
 Volcano

Quiz

What does the Hawaiian word "honolulu" mean?

Answer: "Sheltered bay" or "place of shelter"



- A. Hibiscus
- B. Bird of Paradise
- C. Plumeria

Name that flower!

Match these native Hawaiian flowers with their names. Then, color them in!

Answers: 1) C 2) B 3) A

Great job!

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