

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER TREASURE HUNT

START THE HUNT

The Chicago Cultural Center treasure hunt begins outside the Washington Street entrance at 78 E. Washington St. There are two entrances to the building. Be sure you're on the right side of the building before you start. Not sure if you are in the right place? Ask at the information desk just inside.

Follow the trail through the building, answer the questions and fill in the appropriate letters in the golden clue to discover the answer. The answer to the first question is provided for you.

WASHINGTON STREET ENTRANCE

BACK IN THE DAY... When this building first opened 100 years ago, this was the entrance for the Chicago Public Library.

TODAY... Concerts, art exhibitions, plays, dance performances and other cultural events are presented here almost every day.

START

Just outside on Washington Street stands a cow. What is this cow made of?

B R O N Z E
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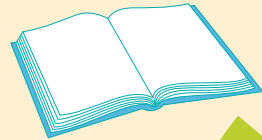


Look into the eyes of the cow! You will find two famous Chicago landmarks, the Picasso sculpture and the historic Water Tower.

Step inside. Symbols of the Chicago Public Library are all around you. Look at the arches in the lobby. There are names of famous authors in the mosaics. What author's name is longest?

2

This author was an American poet who wrote Paul Revere's Ride.



Climb 15 steps up the stairs until you find a book in the floor. What word is inscribed on the floor?

3

Is that English? No, it's Latin for literature.

Climb the stairs to the landing just before the entrance to the Preston Bradley Hall (the room with the dome). What mammal swims on the landing?

4

HINT:

It's not a fish!



These mammals are thought to be the most intelligent animals in the water. They are also a symbol of knowledge.

Find the four circular designs in the corners under the dome. Three of them are the symbols of 16th-Century printers, and one is the symbol for the Chicago Public Library. The Y shape symbolizes the Chicago River and its two branches. Fill in the missing letters.



Find the ramp. It is located through a small doorway in the west wing of PBH. Walk down the ramp, turn right and then left to enter GAR Rotunda (the room under the dome).

G.A.R. MEMORIAL HALL AND ROTUNDA

BACK IN THE DAY... This hall was built to remember the soldiers who fought for the Union Army in the American Civil War.

TODAY... This room is used for public exhibitions, performances and private events. On Saturday mornings, the marriage court performs civil wedding ceremonies in this room. That's right, you can get married here!

What does G.A.R. stand for? (5 words)

7

This organization was a group of civil war veterans that gathered in this grand hall.

FINISH

X marks the spot!

Claim your prize at the Chicago Cultural Center Lobby Information Desk



GOLDEN CLUE!

WHAT IS THE BUILDING'S NICKNAME?

4 3 1 7 6 8 5 11 10 2 9 13 12

HINT:

Look for a wooden sign at the entrance of the room

Look up! How many seashells are in the center circle of the dome? Don't forget to spell out the number.

8

Take 13 steps up on the stairs and enter PRESTON BRADLEY HALL (PBH)

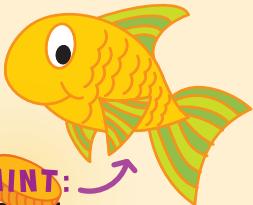
BACK IN THE DAY... The hall was the place to check-out books at the Chicago Public Library.

TODAY... PBH is a major concert hall and gathering place for the people of Chicago.

Look straight up! What does the pattern in the stained glass dome look like?

5

HINT:



Under the dome in each of the corners of GAR Rotunda, is a shield with a rattlesnake on either side. What is written on the shield?

9

This phrase is a symbol of American freedom, and a motto from the American Revolution.

Now walk straight ahead into the Hall. What is the name of the artist who created the glass sculptures in the display cases around the room?

10

Many contemporary artists show their work in the Chicago Cultural Center. After the hunt, check out one of seven galleries in the building.

How many stars are in the ceiling of the G.A.R. Hall? (The walls and arches don't count) Don't forget to spell out the number.

12

This kind of ceiling is called a coffered ceiling. The word coffered means box or chest.

The words set in the marble above the doors are the names of some of the battles that the Union Army won during the Civil War. What battle has a vegetable in its name?

11

Above the battle names on the east wall hangs the membership badge of the GAR. See if you can find the star!



ANSWERS: 2. LONGFELLOW 3. LITERIS 4. DOLPHIN 5. FISH SCALES 6. CPL 7. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC 8. EIGHT 9. DON'T TREAD ON ME 10. DEBORAH BOARDMAN 11. PEA RIDGE 12. TWENTY