

Potential History Hike Questions submitted by Committee Members:

1. What is the capital of the United States?
Washington DC
2. Who was the first President of the United States?
George Washington
3. What is the national bird?
Bald eagle
4. What is the name of the famous bell in Philadelphia that has a crack?
Liberty Bell
5. Which holiday celebrates the birth of the United States on July 4th?
Independence Day
6. How many states are in the United States?
50 states
7. What is the largest state? Alaska
8. What ocean is on the east coast of the United States? the west coast?
Atlantic, Pacific
9. What is the name of the President's home in Washington DC?
The White House
10. What famous mountain has the faces of four US Presidents carved into it?
Mount Rushmore
11. In what year did the United States declare its independence from Great Britain?
1776
12. What do the 13 Stars and Stripes on the United States flag represent?
The 13 original colonies
13. What state produces the most oranges?
Florida
14. What is the national anthem?
The Star Spangled Banner
15. What is the name of the document that begins with " We the people"?
The constitution
16. Which famous statue in New York City was a gift from France?
The Statue of Liberty

17. Nearly 150 years ago, what is now Orland Township began to expand its base from a rural farming community to also being a commuter community. What form of transportation came to the town starting in 1879?

In 1879, the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad began to explore locations to lay tracks. By 1902 Orland was the edge of the commuter zone from the city of Chicago, with its principal source of revenue being shipping dairy products, milk, cheese and livestock to the big city markets.

18. In 1776, General George Washington led the Continental Army in a famous battle that began to boost the spirits of the Americans and change the momentum of the war. What was the name of this battle?

The Battle of Trenton, took place on December 26, 1776 in Trenton, New Jersey, the day after brave George Washington's army crossing of the freezing Delaware River in the middle of the night.

19. Who was one of the first veterans from Orland?

In 1865 Edward Cox died in the Civil War Battle of Nashville.

20. In what important battle did the British surrender?

The Battle of Yorktown, also known as the Siege of Yorktown, led by George Washington, took place in 1781. It was won by the Americans with the help of the French Army troops.

21. Where was the Little Red Schoolhouse built in 1917?

The Little Red Schoolhouse was located at 151 st Street and 94 th Avenue and served as the 3rd school building in Orland Park

21. Which Revolutionary war heroine was known as the female Paul Revere?

On April 26, 1777, Sybil Ludington, at age 16 years, rode her horse named Star over 40 miles in a night time rainstorm to alert the Patriots of a British plot to attack Danbury, Connecticut. Unlike Paul Revere, she was not captured.

22. In 1891, the area of land at 167 th Street and 108 th Avenue was known by what name?

The Town of Alpine. One of the first train depots in the Orland area was known as the Alpine Depot.

23. What important developments occurred in Orland in 1892?

In 1892 the Village of Orland Park was incorporated. John Humphrey was the mayor. Wooden sidewalks were laid in town. A two room school house is built at 143rd Street near Beacon. The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal is begun and Water Works was built.

24. What year did telephones become available in Orland Park?

1924, 102 years ago, crank phones were in use.

25. Who was Sergeant Stubby?

A stray Boston Terrier/Pit Bull mix caught a German spy and served in 17 battles in World War 1. He was wounded in action. You can visit his medal collection and remains at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

26. What famous building in Orland Park won the prestigious Distinguished Building Award From the American Institute of Architects (AIA)?

The Orland Park Village Center designed by architect Ralph Johnson, features a combination of the Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School and Dutch modernist principles.

27. Who wrote: " We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Thomas Jefferson wrote this sentence as part of the Declaration of Independence in 1776

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29. What document begins with "We the People"?

The Constitution

30. How many original colonies were there?

13

31. Who was America's first president?

George Washington

32. What holiday celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence?

Independence Day (Fourth of July)

33. What is the national bird of the United States?

Bald Eagle

34. What do the 50 stars on the American flag represent?

The 50 states

35. What do the 13 stripes represent?

The original 13 colonies

60. Which national park was the first national park in the world?

Yellowstone National Park

61. Why did the Founding Fathers want three branches of government?

To make sure no one person or group had too much power. Each branch can check the others to help keep the government fair.

62. What freedoms are protected by the First Amendment?

The freedoms of religion, speech, the press, peaceful assembly, and petitioning the government.

63. Why was the Louisiana Purchase important?

It doubled the size of the United States, gave Americans more land to settle, and opened new opportunities for exploration and farming.

64. Why is the Constitution still important today?

It is the nation's highest law. It explains how our government works and protects the rights and freedoms of all Americans.

65. Why is voting considered both a right and a responsibility?

Americans have the right to vote, and by voting they help choose leaders and make decisions that affect their communities and the country.

66. Which president appears on the penny?

Abraham Lincoln.

67. What is the name of the First Village President for Orland Park?

John Humphrey

68. What is the name of the family who opened a General Store on Union Ave?

Loebe

69. This church is on the National Historic Register, what is the architectural element that makes it recognizable?

The Twin Towers

70. Which current Village of Orland Park building sits on what was the Nike Missile Launch site?

The Public Works building

71. Which Village of Orland Park Building(s) reflects the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School of Architecture?

The Orland Park Convention Center and the Frederick T. Owen's Village Hall

72. The original Orland Park Post Office was in the building now known as...

Peace Market Place

73. When was Orland Park Elementary School (on 143rd) built?

Orland Park School (located at 9960 W. 143rd St.) was a central pillar of the community, hosting elementary grades, the village's first high school classes, and early civic gatherings.

36. What famous statue welcomed many immigrants arriving by sea?
Statue of Liberty
37. What song is America's national anthem?
The Star-Spangled Banner
38. Which president wrote the Emancipation Proclamation?
Abraham Lincoln
39. Which famous speech begins with "I Have a Dream"?
Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech
40. What famous protest took place in Boston Harbor in 1773?
The Boston Tea Party
41. Which document officially ended the Revolutionary War?
Treaty of Paris (1783)
42. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?
Thomas Jefferson
43. Which battle is considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War?
Battle of Saratoga
44. What winter encampment became a symbol of perseverance for Washington's army?
Valley Forge
45. How many amendments make up the Bill of Rights?
10
46. What are the first ten amendments to the Constitution called?
The Bill of Rights
47. Which branch of government interprets laws?
Judicial Branch
48. How many U.S. Senators does each state have?
Two
49. Which city served as the nation's first capital under the Constitution?
New York City
50. Which purchase doubled the size of the United States in 1803?
Louisiana Purchase
51. Who led the expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase?
Lewis and Clark
52. What invention by Samuel Morse changed long-distance communication?
The telegraph
53. Which railroad connected the East and West Coasts in 1869?
Transcontinental Railroad
54. What was the first successful powered airplane called?
The Wright Flyer
55. Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
19th Amendment
56. Which president signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
Lyndon B. Johnson
57. Which justice became the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court?
Sandra Day O'Connor
59. Which NASA mission first landed humans on the Moon?
Apollo 11