Hamilton Grange Junior Ranger Booklet

Welcome to Hamilton Grange National Memorial

This book is your guide to becoming a Junior Park Ranger at Hamilton Grange National Memorial.

To earn your badge:

1. Explore the site
2. Watch the film
3. Children ages 4-7 must complete at least 3 activities and ages 8+ must complete all the activities.
4. Parents are welcome to assist but we encourage children to complete the booklet on their own.
5. Find a Park Ranger to sign your certificate

Let the fun begin!

The Grange is the only home known to be owned by Alexander Hamil-ton. The Grange was completed in 1802 as a summer retreat for Alexan-der, his wife Elizabeth and their seven children. Their estate totaled 32 acres which stretched from 140th St north to 145th St and from St. Nich-olas Ave west to Broadway. Today the neighborhood is known as Hamil-ton Heights.

Did you know?

Hamilton Grange National Memorial is one of nearly 400 National Parks across the country and of 23 special destina-tions in the 11 parks that make up the National Parks of New York Harbor.

Alexander Hamilton: The Man & His House

Alexander Hamilton was born in what year? _____.

Where was Hamilton born? _____.

How old was Hamilton when he moved to New York? _____.

Hamilton co-authored the "_____" with James Madison and John Jay to promote the ratification of the United States Constitution.

Hamilton was the first person to be the Secretary of the _____.

Hamilton hired noted architect _____ to build the Grange.

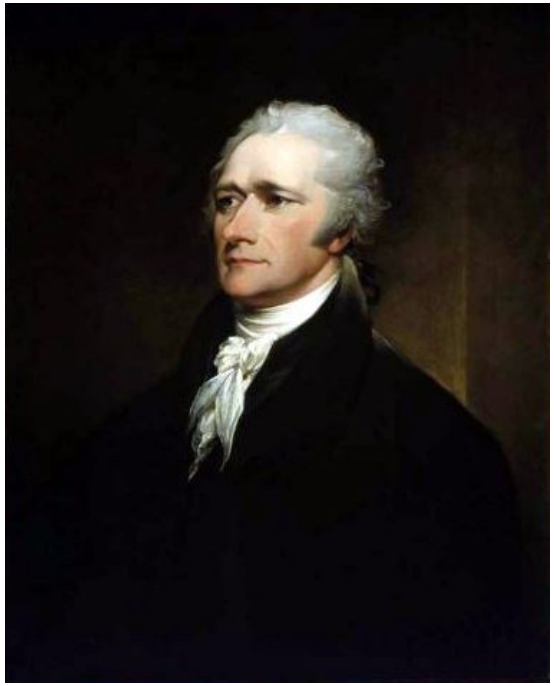
The Grange was built in the year _____.

The style of architecture the Grange was built in is called _____.

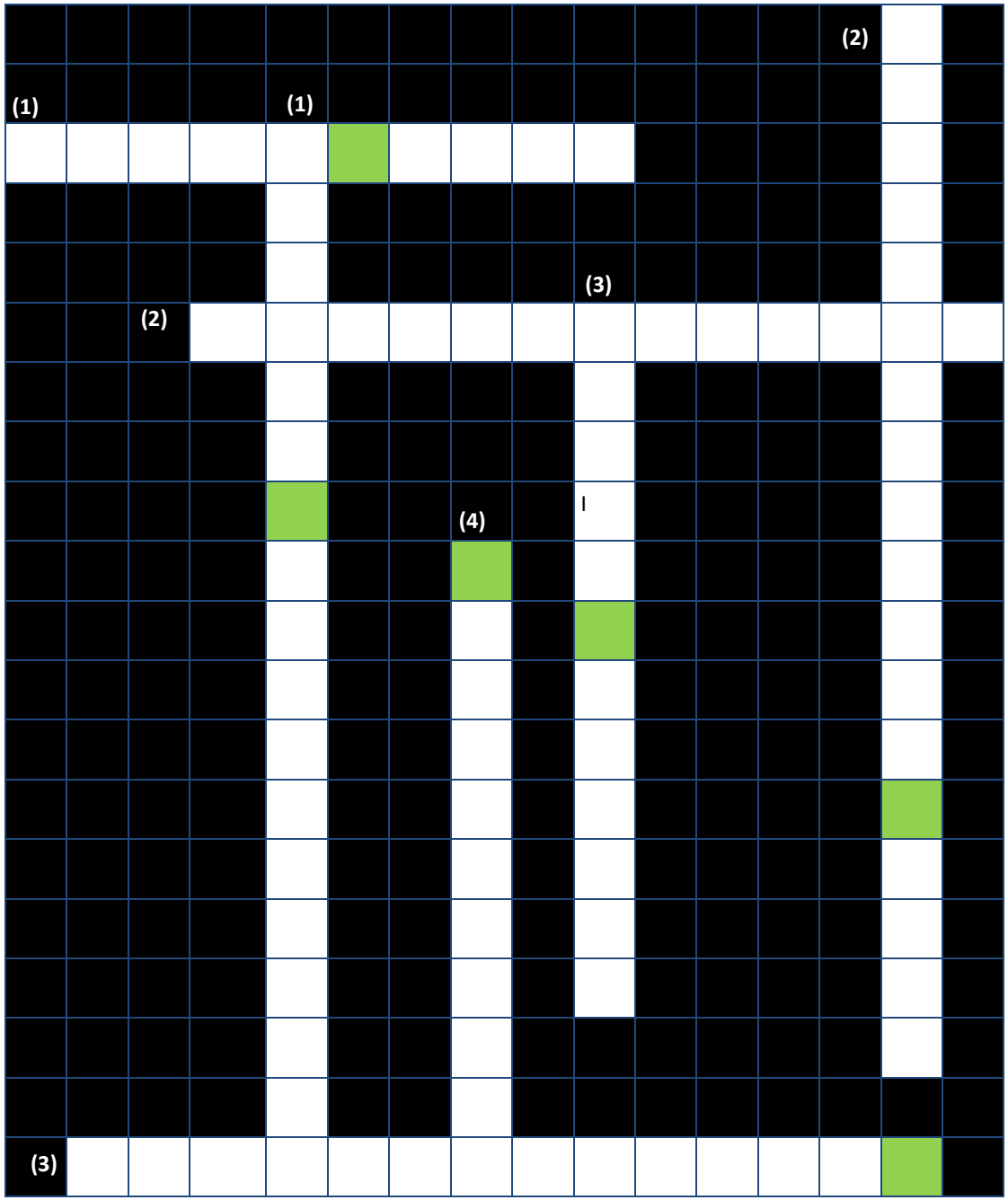
Hamilton died at the age of _____ after a _____ with _____.

Did you know?

Alexander Hamilton's portrait appears on the ten-dollar bill. He is one of only two non-presidents to have his face on American paper currency. The other is Benjamin Franklin, who appears on the one-hundred-dollar bill.



Remembering Alexander Hamilton's Contributions



Alexander Hamilton left much more than this house for us to enjoy. He made many contributions to New York City and the Nation.

Solve the crossword puzzle and then put the letters in the correct order to determine Hamilton's name for his home.

Word List

Treasury Department	Armed Forces
New York Evening Post	Coast Guard
Bank of New York	National Bank
Customs Service	

Across

1. A maritime service responsible for law enforcement in both domestic and international waters.

2. A company established by Hamilton in 1784, making it the oldest bank in the United States.

3. An agency responsible for collecting tax revenue on imports and exports, protecting the U.S. economy from smuggled and illegal products, and processing people and products at ports of entry.

Down

1. An agency responsible for printing and minting of all paper currency and coins, collecting all federal taxes, and managing United States debt.

2. The Nation's oldest continuously published daily newspaper, founded in 1764.

3. The first institution with central banking responsibilities such as improving the nation's credit and handling of the financial business of the United States government.

4. The United States military, with branches such as U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard.

Hamilton's name for this home. A reference to his father's ancestral home in Scotland.

The ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

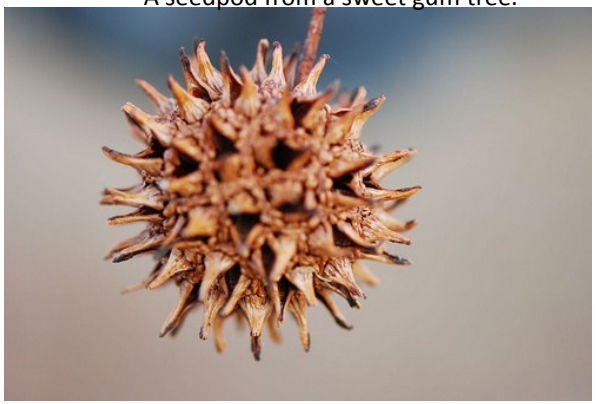
The leaf of a sweet gum tree.

Sweet Gum Trees

Once Alexander's home was built, he worked to improve the area around his home.

Hamilton planted a circular rose garden and thirteen sweet gum trees.

A seedpod from a sweet gum tree.



Sweet Gum Trees are an indigenous or native species to the eastern United States. They are also one of the most common hardwood trees in this region and can be found from Connecticut to Florida.

Native species naturally occur in a region without being introduced by people. The opposite of native species is an invasive species. Invasive species are introduced to places that are not their normal environment

<u>Which of these is a native species? Please Circle.</u>

Kudzu-a Japanese vine species in southeast Georgia. **Native** **Invasive**

Zebra Mussels-a fresh water mussel from Asia present in the Gulf of Mexico and Great Lakes region. **Native** **Invasive**

Mountain Paper Birch– a birch tree species native to the North Eastern United States. **Native** **Invasive**

Did you know?

George Washington gifted 13 sweet gum trees to Alexander Hamilton, one for each colony. Hamilton planted them at the home's original site on 143rd St and Convent Avenue. Today, thirteen sweet gum trees are planted at Hamilton Grange National Memorial to celebrate our country's beginnings.

Many of our founding fathers are honored on our currency, can you match the bill to the founding father and corresponding fact?

10

Name

Ten Dollars

Fact Letter _____

2

Name

Two Dollars

Fact Letter _____

1

Name

One Dollar

Fact Letter _____

100

Name

One Hundred Dollars

Fact Letter _____

A. First Secretary of Treasury. A signer of the Constitution. A New Yorker.

B. Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and First President of the United States.

C. Third President of the United States. First Secretary of State.

D. Inventor of the lightning rod & bifocals. First ambassador to France. Governor of Pennsylvania.

Founding Fathers

Benjamin Franklin

George Washington

Thomas Jefferson

Alexander Hamilton

Did you know?

Alexander Hamilton founded the New York Evening Post on November 16, 1801 and is the nation's oldest continuously published daily newspaper. Today the newspaper is known as the New York Post.

Alexander Hamilton's "Sweet Project"

Alexander Hamilton commissioned architect John McComb Jr. to design a Federal-style country home on a sprawling 32-acre estate in upper Manhattan. This house was completed in 1802 and named the "Grange" after the Hamilton family's ancestral home in Scotland.

Draw a picture of the Grange in the box above.

How many steps lead up to the front door of the Grange? _____

How many chimneys can you see on the Grange's roof? _____

Did you know?

Alexander Hamilton was born on the island of Nevis, in the Caribbean Sea.

The Mourning Scarf of Alexander Hamilton

After a duel with Vice-President Aaron Burr, Alexander Hamilton was shot, damaging his liver and diaphragm. Hamilton bled for over 30 hours at the home of a friend, William Bayard, until his death. New Yorkers were shocked and saddened to hear of his death on July 12th, 1804.

The mourning scarf below was produced in his honor. The scene in the bottom right depicts black mourners at his tomb. This is in celebration of Hamilton being one of the principle founders of an anti-slavery group which worked towards securing freedom of blacks in the new colonies.

Did you know?

Mourning scarves were a typical expression of grief in the early nineteenth century for political figures.

What does the depiction on the upper left hand side portray?

_____

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What are some examples of ways we honor someone who passes away today?

_____

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Certificate of Completion

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to protect and preserve the home and history of Alexander Hamilton and Hamilton Grange National Memorial. I will share what I have learned about National Parks with others and will continue to explore and protect these national treasures.

This document certifies that

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Please Print

Name

has completed all requirements to become a Hamilton Grange National Memorial Junior Ranger.

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Park Ranger

Date