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Museum Investigators

Grades 3rd – 7th

Upper Level – Natural History

1. Name the tall grey birds that visit Nebraska each spring in large numbers.

2. Does the tiger salamander have stripes or spots? _____
3. The world's largest beetle is called the _____ beetle.
4. Name two uses for seashells. 1. _____ 2. _____
5. Which bird lays the smallest egg? _____
6. What is Nebraska's state bird? _____
7. What is Nebraska's state fossil? _____
8. Why didn't dinosaurs live in Nebraska during the Cretaceous period?

9. Name your favorite mineral. _____
10. Find the Native Nebraska Animals exhibit. Which animal is your favorite?

11. Name two objects used by Native Americans that are NOT very different from objects we use today. 1. _____ 2. _____
12. What is the cigar store Indian made of and how much does it weigh?
_____ ; _____ pounds
13. Who were the first people to farm in Nebraska? _____

Main Level – Mammal Dioramas

14. How much can a bull bison (buffalo) weigh? _____
15. What is a moose's favorite food? _____
16. Find the exhibit containing three cats. Which one would be most likely to wade in water?

17. Black bears can be several different colors besides black. Name two.

1. _____ 2. _____

Lower Level

18. What Nebraska statesman owned the 1900 brougham carriage?

19. How big of a battery did it take to run a 1912 Rauch and Lang town car?

_____ pounds

20. When was the banjo clock made? _____

21. Who invented Kool-Aid? _____

22. When did he invent Kool-Aid? _____

23. Name two products he invented before he made Kool-Aid.

1. _____ 2. _____

24. What was the original spelling of Kool-Aid? _____ - _____

25. Today, what company makes Kool-Aid? _____

26. When was the Kool-Aid Man invented? _____

Answer Key

Upper Level

1. Sandhill Crane
2. Spots
3. Goliath
4. Many choices: food, jewelry, religion, buttons, money, curios, etc.
5. Hummingbird
6. Western Meadowlark
7. Mammoth
8. A shallow sea covered the state
9. Many possibilities
10. Pronghorn, Redtail Hawk, Channel Catfish, Prairie Chicken, 13-line Ground Squirrel, Bullsnake, Coyote, Great Horned Owl, Prairie Falcon, Swainson's Hawk, Western Meadowlark, Black-Tailed Jackrabbit, Black-Tailed Prairie Dog, Beaver or Black Widow Spider
11. Many choices: clothing, jewelry, body paint/make-up, dolls, toys and games, paintbrushes, knives, pots, dried foods, infant carriers, bead work, shoes, bows and arrows, etc.
12. Pot metal (an inexpensive alloy of copper and lead); 250 lbs.
13. Native American Plains Indians

Main Level

14. 2500 lbs.
15. Aquatic plants (especially water lilies)
16. Lynx
17. Several choices: brown, blond and blue-grey

Lower Level

18. William Jennings Bryan
19. 1,000 lbs.
20. 1880
21. Edwin Perkins
22. 1927
23. Nix-o-tine, Fruit Smack, all kinds of Cure-Alls, perfumes, colognes, make-up, a variety of Onor-Maid products
24. Kool-Ade
25. Kraft Foods
26. 1975