Self-Guided Grounds Quest-Middle School & High School

On the following page you will find the Capitol Grounds Quest. The Grounds Quest is an **optional self-guided** activity in addition to guided tours that have been scheduled at the Visitors Center and/or inside the Capitol. Make additional copies as needed in advance of your visit to the Capitol Complex. If you have a large number of students designate different starting points and arrange to do the quests in varying order.

Before beginning the Grounds Quest, make sure that all teachers, chaperones and parents know the start times and location of their Capitol Tour and/or Visitors Center Tours. **Arrange in advance where to meet in order to regroup prior to the start of those scheduled tours. Both the Capitol & Visitors Center Tours will begin at the scheduled times.**

For groups with at least 30 minutes of waiting time *prior* to check in for their Capitol Tour, we suggest doing questions 1-12. For groups with at least 30 minutes of open time *after* their Capitol Tour, we recommend doing questions 13-24 .

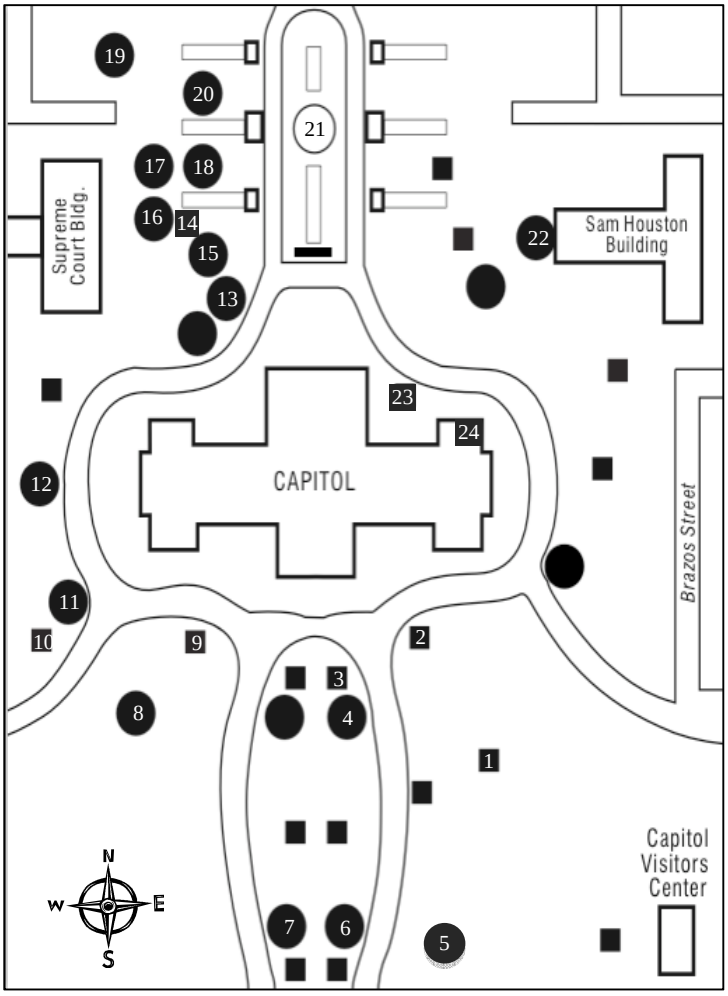
Grounds Quest Answers

1. Grotto and Lagoon
2. East Drinking Fountain
3. Great Walk
4. Heroes of the Alamo
5. Tejanos
6. Confederate Veterans
7. Volunteer Firemen
8. Texas Cowboy
9. West Drinking Fountain
10. West Grounds Lake
11. Spanish American War
12. 36th Infantry, Texas National Guard
13. Tribute to Texas Children
14. Tyler Rose
15. Texas Pioneer Women
16. World War II
17. Statue of Liberty Replica
18. Pearl Harbor
19. Korean War
20. World War I
21. Star with TEXAS written around it
22. Texas Peace Officers Memorial
23. Cisterns
24. Cisterns

Capitol Grounds Quest

Follow the clues to the monuments and historical markers on the Capitol Grounds. Write the name of each stop on the line provided or take a picture for posterity. A map is provided as a reference.

●= monument ■ =historical marker



1) This site once was a "veritable Garden of Eden." _____

2) For over 70-years, visitors took water from this site home convinced of the water's medicinal value. _____

3) The promenade leading from Congress Avenue to the Capitol's south entrance is called the _____.

4) Built of Texas Red Granite, the first monument on the grounds honors the participants of a battle no Texan should forget. _____

5) This recent monument on the Capitol Grounds honors the contributions of which group of Texans? _____

6) Sculptor Pompeo Coppini created the bronze figures on this monument: _____.

7) On the granite base, there are the names of those Texans who lost their lives fighting fires. _____

8) This monument is a "tribute to the rough and romantic riders of the range": _____.

9) If you are looking for cold drink of water, you will have to wait until a picture is found. Until then, a marker holds a spot for the _____.

10) Originally the depression on the west grounds was actually the _____, which was drained in 1926.

11) The bronze soldier on a red granite base is known as "the Hiker." He is a tribute to the veterans of which war? _____ (1891-1902)

12) It may look like a red granite arrowhead, but it is actually the "T-patch" – the insignia of the group the monument honors. _____

13) On your visit to the Capitol, you may encounter children on a field trip, or at the very least you will find life-sized bronze versions. _____

14) A flower used by Cherokee Indians to mark tribal trails contributed to the development of the _____.

15) The Daughters of the Republic of Texas erected the bronze figure holding a baby to honor _____.

16) An exact replica of this monument is located in Washington, DC. _____

17) In New York, this monument welcomes those "yearning to breathe free." In Texas, she represents a "pledge of everlasting fidelity and loyalty." _____

18) This monument honors Texans in the U.S. military that were present in Hawaii on that fateful day, December 7, 1941. _____

19) Although it is sometimes called the "Forgotten War," veterans placed this monument on the grounds to remember the more than 289,000 Texans who served and honor the 1,723 Texans killed or missing in action. _____

20) This monument honors veterans of what was known as "The Great War" prior to World War II. _____

21) The open-air rotunda is an inverse of the rotunda in the Capitol in that at the center of the floor there is a _____.

22) Located by the Sam Houston building, this monument is a tribute to the law enforcement personnel whose lives were lost in the line of duty _____.

23) Although the underground reservoir is no longer used, the top hatch remains visible on the northeast side of the Capitol. _____

24) Find the cornerstone on the northeast corner of the Capitol. The building was dedicated on _____.