



Mercer Museum Mysteries

Welcome to the Mercer Museum! You will begin the scavenger hunt in the Pavilion area on the First Level. Please assist Rollo, Mercer Museum's resident detective, in finding the clues to help solve the Mercer Museum Mysteries Scavenger Hunt.



Answer Key:

Look around the Pavilion on the First Level.

1. Locate one of the tiles located in the floor that show colonial people working. List the chores they are doing in that tile. Why do you think that chore was important in Early America?

Tiles: Churning butter, Spinning Wool, Canal Lock Tender, Open Hearth Cooking, Candle Making

Head to the Central Court on the Second Level of the Museum.

2. Find the printing press. The printing press could be used to print newspapers and broadsides. What were broadsides used for?

Public notices and advertisements

Go to the Third Level of the Museum.

3. Find the Shoe Making exhibit. What is the name of the tool the shoemaker used to determine the size of the customer's feet?

Size stick

4. There is a room on the Third Level that tells us about a trade that helped craft barrels and buckets. What was the name of this type of craftsman?

Cooper

5. What is the name of the man who was the first cooper to immigrate to America?

John Lewes

Travel up to the Fourth Level.

6. Find the whaling tools. What was whale oil used for?

In whale oil lamps to light homes, towns, & lighthouses, and as a machine lubricant

7. Look for the *Ahab* doll. What famous novel did the character *Captain Ahab* come from?

Moby Dick

Head to the Fifth Level.

8. Find the area designated for clock making. What was the name of the man who opened the 1st American Clock Factory?

Eli Terry in Plymouth, Connecticut

9. Look for the musical instruments. Which of the instruments displayed were inspired by the Pennsylvania Germans?

Zither

Move on to the Sixth Level to the Columbus Gallery.

10. Look around at the Lenape Indian objects. What is the name of the object that many people considered a forgery? Why was it considered a forgery?

The Lenape Stone. Many consider it to be a fake because the images of tepees, bows and arrows and the mastodon are inconsistent with the date of the actual stone. Also, because the stone likely was carved after it was broken.

From the Columbus Gallery, go up to the Roof Galleries.

11. Find the area that contains the Gallows. Can you find the shackle chain that was used to confine prisoner Lino de Mina? Who was he convicted of murdering?

Dr. William Chapman, of Andalusia, Bucks County

Remember to look for Rollo's paw prints on the stairs that lead from the Roof Gallery down to the "Early Encounters" exhibit– near Solar Salt Making!