Mercer Museum Mysteries

Welcome to the Mercer Museum! You will begin the scavenger hunt in Central Court on the Second Level.

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

1. What were the three most important native food supplies to the colonists? Why?

2. What meat-related annual event took place on farms and homesteads in 18th and 19th century America?

3. Why did this food item have to be preserved in this manner?

4. What type of combs, passed down from one generation to the next, were prized possessions in 18th century America?

Go to the Third Level of the Museum.

5. Illiteracy was very common in early America. How did people who could not read understand the signs of stores and shops?

Travel up to the Fourth Level.

6. After the American Revolution, where were the two national manufacturing armories located?

7. Which one produced 3/4 of a million rifles & muskets to use during the Civil War?

Head to the Fifth Level.

8. What is an ancient form of furniture, the basic form of which remained unchanged from the Middle Ages through the 19th century?

9. What substances were used to soften water for laundering clothing?

Move on to the Sixth Level to the Columbus Gallery.

10. What diseases were unknown to the Lenape people until the Europeans arrived? How did they contract these diseases?

11. The fur of what animal was extremely popular to Europeans? What did they use this fur for?
From the Columbus Gallery, go up to the Roof Galleries.

9. Name a famous Bucks County murder case.

10. When was the old Bucks County Jail on Court St. in Doylestown built? When was it torn down to build a new jailhouse?

Wish to know more about a particular object you viewed in the museum?

Just write down the large number seen on many of the artifacts and look it up in the Mercer Museum Catalogue Registers. They are located on a small desk on the 2nd Level in Central Court by the doorway to the stairs.