

November Internet Hunt

<http://www.mrsoshouse.com/ext/nov.html>

Directions: Use the links provided to find the answers to the questions.

Read the New window section on the hunt's web page, for faster finding tip.

1. Describe the best place to observe the Leonid meteor showers.

Why are they called the Leonid showers?

On October 1, 1847, Marie Mitchell was observing the night sky when she discovered something.

What did she see?

2. Turkey is a country in..... Wait a minute this is your challenge! Find 4 interesting facts about the nation of Turkey using these sites. Ministry of Culture / Embassy of the Republic of Turkey / CIA FACT BOOK

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

Map reading. Suppose you went for a swim while staying in Istanbul, Turkey. In what major body of water are you probably swimming?

3. Veterans Day remembers those who have served in the Armed Services to protect our freedom. Why was November 11th selected as Veterans Day?

4. On November 30th, 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens was born in Florida, Missouri. For what is he well known?

What was his pen name? _____

5. November is Native American History Month. Name a famous Native american from your region.

Why are they famous? _____

Since November 1970, Native Americans gather at Coles' Hill in Plymouth, Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Why?

6. US Census FactFinder. Compare the results of the 1990 US census and the 2000 for your state for the following facts. Is the 2000 Census result greater than, equal to, or less than the 1990 Census numbers?

people your age - _____

families (households) - _____

number of men - _____ number of women - _____

Percentage of high school graduates _____

Select one of the above census data sets: Describe the impact that finding has on your community. Example: If people have more pets, that may bring a new pet food store to the mall or increase the number of veterinarians. Some one might open a new pet day care service.

7. Where on earth are you? Giving Latitude and Longitude is one way to state where you are on the earth. Use the Gazetteer to find out your home's coordinates. Boy, am I glad that is not my postal address! All those numbers!

8. Ben Franklin thought the wild turkey would be the better national symbol. List two reasons why he preferred the turkey to the eagle.

Do you agree with mr. Franklin or disagree with him? _____

9. On November 19th, 1863, Abraham Lincoln gave a brief speech.

What was the title of the speech?

Where did he deliver it?

What was it about? _____

Was he correct when he said, "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here..."?

10. In the fall, leaves change from their summer color to their fall one. Check out this page that shows the fall color of common leaves. Write a fraction - stating how many of the total number of leaves turn completely yellow.

11. Aaron Copland was a gifted American composer. He wrote several pieces of music with "cowboy" themes. Name one.

12. Solving One-Step Equations What are the opposite operations?

Jen's mom is planning to invite 15 people to Thanksgiving dinner. The recipe says to plan for 1/2 pound of turkey per person. What is the smallest turkey she should purchase? Show your work.

The recipe also says to increase the total amount by 50% if you want lots of leftovers. The family loves turkey sandwiches. Now how large a turkey should she buy?

12. Investigate: Your grandmother shows you a letter she found in a trunk in the attic. It is dated November 11, 1787. It was written by George Washington to Alexander Hamilton. Washington is thanking Hamilton for sending him a pamphlet written by Publius. What is the significance of the letter and the pamphlet he refers to in it?

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great. " ~Mark Twain