

Name:

Date:

York Murals

Webquest for Middle and High Schoolers

Introduction: What started in 1996 as a collaborative initiative between the City of York, Main Street York and the York County Economic Development Corporation by York Murals, Inc. as an art project to bolster tourism by highlighting York County's rich past, has become a standing tribute to some of York County's greatest accomplishments. From moments of radical triumph during the American Revolution to some of our most industrious designs of innovation to aid World War II, York County has always been home to revolutionary pioneers. Throughout York City, one can locate 30 murals that depict various scenes of history that evoke county pride.

Curriculum Connections: This activity activates critical thinking skills, reading comprehension, text-based analysis, and outside research exposure. Students will pace through the virtual exhibit, looking at pictures and reading descriptions to answer questions and reflect. The questions are best suited for secondary education students.

Instructions:

1. Go to the online exhibit at the York County History Center's website.
<https://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums/murals-of-york>
2. Use this worksheet as a guide to help you learn more about the people and events that shaped our community.
3. Record your answer to the questions in the spaces below or per your teacher's instructions.

Answer the following questions:

1. The York Manufacturing Co. was known for producing large machinery. How large was the compressor they created and what was it used for?
2. From what two schools did Jacob Devers graduate? During WWII he achieved the rank of 4-star general and was known for organizing the invasion of what area? You can learn more about General Devers by watching this brief video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXKBafegtE4&list=PLyERkUWjdOwcSpOtJMNRE9LuEtscB2pFY&index=4>
3. William C. Goodridge was born enslaved but rose to become a prominent businessman in York. What were some of the businesses he was involved with?

4. When and where did Harley Davidson first open for business? In what year did they open an assembly plant in York?
5. What was the purpose of the York Chamber of Commerce?
6. "The York" revolutionized transportation in the 1800s. Who designed it, what company did he design it for, and in what year was it built? You can learn more about the "York" by watching this brief video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrenRUYo0MU&list=PLyERkUWjdOwcSpOtJMNRE9LuEtscB2pFY&index=23>
7. The members of the Second Continental Congress arrived in York on September 30, 1777, making York the Capital of the United States for how many months? On November 15, 1777, they adopted our first constitution called what?
8. Why were the four chaplains immortalized?
9. In what year was York County established?
10. Why is York known as Muscletown USA and who was responsible for this?
11. What was the purpose of the farmers' markets?
12. Lewis Miller was a prolific artist that captured many everyday scenes of life in York. Pick your 3 favorite pictures painted by Miller and explain why you chose them.
13. What was the historical significance of the Pfaltzgraff Company?

14. When was the York Fair started and by whom?

15. Click on the double arrow button in the top right corner of the Community Contributor mural so you can clearly see the picture. What is the mural's motto and what does it mean to you?

16. Dr. George Holtzapple was one of the first doctors to use what treatment for a respiratory disease?

17. Who established the Children's Home of York and what was its purpose?

18. What was the name of the printing company that came to York to meet the printing needs of Continental Congress? Out of whose house did they operate?

19. What was the purpose of the York Plan?

20. If you could create a mural highlighting some aspect of York, what would you pick and why?