

HISTORY HEROES TREASURE HUNT TRAIL

Explore Chalke History Festival! Across the site are hidden History Heroes cards with letters making up one secret word. To identify the letters, find the Heroes in their respective historical habitats across the festival. Hand your sheet in at the Storystock tent to enter into our prize draw to win a History Heroes card game and tote bag. Happy treasure hunting!

EDITH CAVELL
1865 - 1915

- 1 I was a nurse in Brussels in charge of a training school for nurses in 1914.
- 2 I helped over 2000 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium.
- 3 The Germans executed me in August 1915 for harbouring Allied soldiers.
- 4 The American and Swedish governments pleaded with Germany not to execute me.
- 5 I was shot by a German firing squad in October 1915, guilty of 'assisting the enemy'.
- 6 After the war, I was returned back in Flanders after a storm in 'Dunkirk' Abbey.

TRIVIA FACT
The singer, Edith Piaf, was born 3 months after my death and to almost the same place.



ISAAC NEWTON
1643 - 1727

- 1 Legend says I discovered gravity when an apple fell on my head.
- 2 My theory of gravity helped to explain planetary movement in the 17th century.
- 3 In 1687 my book - "Principia..." defined the principles of modern physics.
- 4 My theory laws of motion laid the foundations for the laws of mechanics.
- 5 I proposed that white light was composed of all colours of the spectrum.
- 6 I developed a new kind of mathematics called calculus.

TRIVIA FACT
I said, "not I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants".



POCAHONTAS
1595 - 1617

- 1 A Native American girl, I helped keep peace in the seventeenth century "New World".
- 2 Looking for a husband, my father, the American chief, had to bring me to Jamestown.
- 3 When I was 17 the American colonists captured me and returned me to Chesapeake.
- 4 I was 16 years old when I met John Rolfe.
- 5 I married an Englishman and for a while we stopped our two peoples fighting.
- 6 I came to England in 1616. People were amazed to see me but I still was dead.

TRIVIA FACT
My first name was Matoaka. You know me by my nickname: "the" or "mighty one".



HARRIET TUBMAN
c. 1820 - 1913

- 1 I was a Black abolitionist, who helped over 300 slaves in America escape to freedom.
- 2 I was born in Maryland to Ross but changed my name when I moved to Liberia in 1844.
- 3 In 2016, The US Treasury announced that I would be the new face on the \$20 bill.
- 4 I was given a star in Maryland and started work as a nurse when I was 24.
- 5 During the American Civil War, I worked for the Union as a scout, a nurse and a spy.
- 6 I was the "Underground Railroad", the network used to smuggle slaves out of the South.

TRIVIA FACT
I was nicknamed "Mosses" because I was so good at leading people to safety.



ELIZABETH I
R. 1558 - 1603 ~ ENGLAND

- 1 I became Queen of England in 1558 when I was 25 years old.
- 2 My father, Henry VIII, executed my mother, Anne Boleyn, the year I was 2.
- 3 When my Catholic sister, Mary I, was queen, she put me in prison.
- 4 I made England a Protestant state. I was queen, she put me in prison.
- 5 My former defender, the Spanish Armada, was defeated and sailed back to Spain.
- 6 I never married. I used my country as my proxy, not marriage.

TRIVIA FACT
Sir Walter Raleigh named Virginia in North America after me, "The Virgin Queen".



LANKA
? - 1957

- 1 The Soviets used me for their space mission, a stray dog from the streets of Moscow.
- 2 In November 1957 I was the first living creature to orbit the Earth. It lasted 22 days.
- 3 I was chosen as the Soviet's first "cosmonaut" because I was small and calm.
- 4 The Soviet Union said at the time - did not believe I could survive in space.
- 5 I died from overheating a few hours after my space mission began.
- 6 I was launched in a cage and was hit into space.

TRIVIA FACT
In 2008 a monument and small statue of me was unveiled in Moscow.



ALFRED THE GREAT
R. 871-899 ~ WESSEX

- 1 Legend claims I burnt some cakes, while hiding from the Vikings in Somerset.
- 2 I was a "Great" King of Wessex, who stopped the invading Normans at the Battle of Edington in 878.
- 3 I built a series of fortresses, well defended towns to help me win the war.
- 4 I created new laws and new coins, which decorated me as the "King of England".
- 5 I wrote "Cotton in my 30s and helped translate books like "Anglo-Saxon for Dummies".

TRIVIA FACT
A Victorian historian described me as "the most perfect character in history".



LEONARDO DA VINCI
1452 - 1519

- 1 Born in the town of Vinci, I am one of the most famous painters in history.
- 2 My most famous painting, "The Mona Lisa" took me 4 years to paint from 1503.
- 3 I "invented" the tank, bicycle, parachute and helicopter hundreds of years ahead of their time.
- 4 I wanted people to see into my subjects' souls through my facial expressions. I painted.
- 5 Only 15 of my commissioned paintings are known to exist. Many were unfinished.
- 6 I was one of the great creative minds of the Renaissance age, covering art AND science.

TRIVIA FACT
I loved animals. I used to buy caged birds on the market and set them free.



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