

Capitol Trivia Questions

Name: _____

Date: _____

- How long did it take the Capitol to be fully completed?
 - 10 years
 - 5 years
 - 16 years
 - 20 years
- What was built on the grounds before the construction of the Capitol?
 - State Hospital
 - State Penitentiary
 - Old Capitol Building
 - State Bank
- After construction how much was the final cost of the Capitol project?
 - 1 million
 - 3.6 million
 - 5 million
 - 2.3 million
- Though none are visible in the interior (*besides the basement*) how many bricks were used in the construction of the Capitol?
 - 8 million
 - 1 million
 - 100,000
 - 500,000
- How many elected governors served during the time the Capitol was being built?
 - 3
 - 8
 - 6
 - 1
- Was the Capitol built, as a smaller replica of the U.S. Capitol in Washington?

True or False



- What Governor is now considered the father of the Capitol?
 - Bill Clinton
 - Jeff Davis
 - George Donaghey
 - James Conway
- In the Governor's office, faces are carved into the mantel above each fireplace; who do they represent?
 - Men & Women
 - Gods & Humans
 - Warriors & Farmers
 - Natives & Settlers
- What year was the old Supreme Court Room last used as the main chamber for the state's highest court?
 - 1990
 - 1958
 - 1945
 - 1900
- How much were the original Bronze Doors bought for?
 - \$10,000
 - \$25,000
 - \$1,000
 - \$100,000



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11. There are two different murals above the House and Senate steps (*first completed and installed in 1914*) and each one represents a different theme. What theme would you give each one?

House

Senate

12. What metals make up most of the grand chandelier hanging from the Capitols dome?

- a. Gold & Silver
- b. Gold & Copper
- c. Copper & Brass
- d. Gold & Brass

13. What is the purpose of the curtains that hang inside the Senate dome?

- a. Keeps people from looking in
- b. Keeps the sound down
- c. Keeps the sun out
- d. Decorations

14. What animal is a part of the chandelier and can only be seen from the 4th floor?

- a. Eagle
- b. Hawk
- c. Razorback
- d. Bear

15. How many representatives sit on the floor of the house?

- a. 100
- b. 98
- c. 97
- d. 99

16. Who has reserved seats in the west gallery of the House of Representatives?

- a. Governor
- b. Senators
- c. Media & Press
- d. Very Important People



17. What is the only Constitutional Office not located in the Capitol?

- a. Lieutenant Governor
- b. Auditor
- c. Attorney General
- d. Land Commissioner

18. In what year was the first women elected to the Arkansas General Assembly?

- a. 1930
- b. 1921
- c. 1877
- d. 1970

19. What individual piece of the Capitol required workers to build a rail spur track all the way up to the building to get it in?

- a. Bronze Doors
- b. Grand chandelier
- c. Vault Door
- d. Governors Table

20. How many statues and monuments stand on the Capitol's grounds?

- a. 17
- b. 22
- c. 7
- d. 51



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Answers! Capitol Trivia Question

1. C. Construction Started on July 4, 1899 and officially ended January 1, 1915.
2. B. The city of Little Rock already owned the penitentiary property and the plot on the hill; legislatures decided this would be the best place for the new Capitol.
3. D. 2.3 million
4. A. Bricks were used for support of walls and arches inside the Capitol.
5. C. Daniel W. Jones, Jeff Davis, John S. Little, George Donaghey, Joe T. Robinson, and George Hays.
6. FALSE The Arkansas Capitol, was never built to be a replica of the U.S. Capitol.
7. C. George Donaghey, his portrait can be found in the Governor's Office.
8. D. The east side mantel represents the Quapaw, Caddo, and Osage tribes; the original tribes of Arkansas. The west side represents the French being the first to settle the land in 1686.
9. B. 1958
10. A. \$10,000
11. House murals symbolize: War & Religion Senate murals symbolize: Education & Law
12. C. Copper & Brass
13. B. The Senate chambers were originally very loud and had a bad echo during session, the curtains were first put up to combat this.
14. A. Eagle
15. D. The Speaker is the only one that does not.
16. C. Media & Press
17. C. Attorney General
18. B. Francis Hunt & Earle Chambers were both elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives.
19. C. The Treasury's Vault Door weighs over 11 ton!
20. A. Monuments:

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| 1. Confederate Soldiers | 7. C.G. "Crip" Hall Marker | 13. C. Kelly Bryant Marker |
| 2. Confederate Women | 8. Vietnam Veterans Memorial | 14. Medal of Honor Memorial |
| 3. Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial | 9. War of 1812 Memorial Fountain | 15. The Eternal Flame |
| 4. War Prisoners' Marker | 10. Bauxite Boulder | 16. Granite Mountain Boulder |
| 5. Testament: Little Rock Nine Salute | 11. Gold Star Families Memorial | 17. Arkansas Firefighters Memorial |
| 6. Ten Commandments Statue | 12. American Revolution Bicentennial Monument & fountain | |