

Capitol Trivia

1. How long did it take for the Capitol to be fully completed?
 - a. 10 years
 - b. 5 years
 - c. 16 years
 - d. 20 years
2. What was built on the grounds before the construction of the Capitol?
 - a. State Hospital
 - b. State Penitentiary
 - c. Old Capitol Building
 - d. State Bank
3. After construction how much was the final cost of the Capitol Project and what is that in today's dollar value?
 - a. 1 million(35 million)
 - b. 3.6 Million (70 million)
 - c. 5 million (100 Million)
 - d. 2.3(55 million)
4. Though none are visible in the interior (besides the basement) how many bricks were used in the construction of the Capitol?
 - a. 8 million
 - b. 1 million
 - c. 100,000
 - d. 500,000
5. How many elected governors served during the time the Capitol was being built?
 - a. 3
 - b. 8
 - c. 6
 - d. 1
6. Was the Capitol built as a smaller replica of the U.S. Capitol in Washington?
 - a. True or False
7. What Governor is now considered the Father of the Capitol?
 - a. Bill Clinton
 - b. Jeff Davis
 - c. George Donaghey
 - d. James Conway

8. In the Governor's office are faces carved into the mantel above each fireplace; who do they represent?
 - a. Men & Women
 - b. Gods & Humans
 - c. Warriors & Farmers
 - d. Settlers & Natives
9. What year was the Old Supreme Court Room last used as the main chamber for the state's highest court?
 - a. 1990
 - b. 1958
 - c. 1945
 - d. 1900
10. How much money were the Bronze Doors originally bought for?
 - a. \$10,000
 - b. \$25,000
 - c. \$1,000
 - d. \$100,000
11. Above the steps heading up to the third floor are murals first completed and installed in 1914. There are two different ones above the House and Senate steps and each one represents a different theme. What theme would you give each one?
12. What metals make up most of the grand chandelier hanging from the capitol's 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

Answer Key

1. C. Construction started on July 4th 1899 and officially ended January 1 1915.
2. B. The City of Little Rock was starting to grow around the old penitentiary and the decision was made to move it away from the city. Since the state already owned the property and the plot was on a hill legislatures decided this would be the best place for the new capitol.
3. D
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 capitol was never built to be a replica of the US 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
10. A
11. The two above the Senate steps symbolize Education and Law and the two above the house symbolize War and Religion.
12. C
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
15. D. The Speaker is the only one that does not
16. C.
17. C
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 Tons!
20. A – 1. Monument to Confederate Soldiers. 2. C.G. "Crip" Hall Marker 3. C. Kelly Bryant Marker 4. Monument to Confederate Women 5. Vietnam Veterans Memorial 6. Medal of Honor Memorial 7. Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial 8. War of 1812 Memorial Fountain 9. The Eternal Flame 10. War Prisoners' Marker 11. Bauxite Boulder 12. Granite Mountain Boulder 13 Testament: The Little Rock Nine Salute 14. American Revolution Bicentennial Monument & Fountain 15. Arkansas Firefighters Memorial 16. Ten Commandments Statue 17. Gold Star Families Memorial

