

History Hunt Questions (High School Level)

Fort Leavenworth Gallery

1. The “Rookery” is the oldest building on post and still utilized today as living quarters. Locate the “Rookery” on the 1855 model of Fort Leavenworth. What year was it constructed and what was its original function? **1839, officer quarters.**

Front Hallway

2. What was the name of one of the prominent freighting contractors of military goods when Fort Leavenworth became the headquarters for supplies and food for westward expeditions in the 1850s? **Russel, Majors, and Waddell**
3. Name one of the two national movements soldiers and civilians on Fort Leavenworth participated in between WWI and WWII. **Citizens Military Training Camps (CMTC) and Civilian Conservation**
4. What were the “Dragoons”, and how were they involved in the westward expansion of the United States and the fortification of Fort Leavenworth? **Dragoons were the first mounted army unit. Their mission was to regulate and protect the trade route and act as a buffer between the Native American population and local settlers.**

Beyond Lewis and Clark

5. In the Beyond Lewis & Clark exhibit, what was the real name of the Native American man known to Lewis & Clark as “Black Cat”? **Mandan Headman**
6. In 1801 Thomas Jefferson was not only the President of the United States but also was the president of another organization. What was the name of the additional organization he led? **American Philosophical Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge**

Campaign Gallery

7. What was the name of the trail used to supply Mexico with manufactured goods after the country gained its independence from Spain in 1821? **Santa Fe Trail**
8. Created during peacetime in 1866, what were the 4 regiments (downsized from 6 regiments) that consisted of all African-American soldiers? They were also known as the “Buffalo Soldiers”. **9th and 10th cavalry, 24th and 25th infantry**

Vehicle Exhibits

9. Between the 1870s and the 1930s, what type of vehicle was used to support the Army before the widespread use of mechanized vehicles? **Escort Wagon**
10. Sodium bicarbonate and sulfuric acid were two chemical components used for what emergency saving purpose at the USDB? **Fire extinguisher**

Punitive Expedition

11. Name 2 benefits to the invention and adaption of smokeless ammunition.
 - a. **No smoke improved aim (no smoke in eyes)**
 - b. **did not reveal position of the soldier**
 - c. **was 3x more powerful than black powder**
 - d. **less powder was needed to project the ammunition which made ammo cartridges lighter and smaller and allowed soldiers to carry more ammo.**

Personality Vehicles

12. Large freight wagons could haul 3-5 tons of merchandise, supplies, and equipment. How many mules or oxen were needed to pull these massive wagons? **10 teams**