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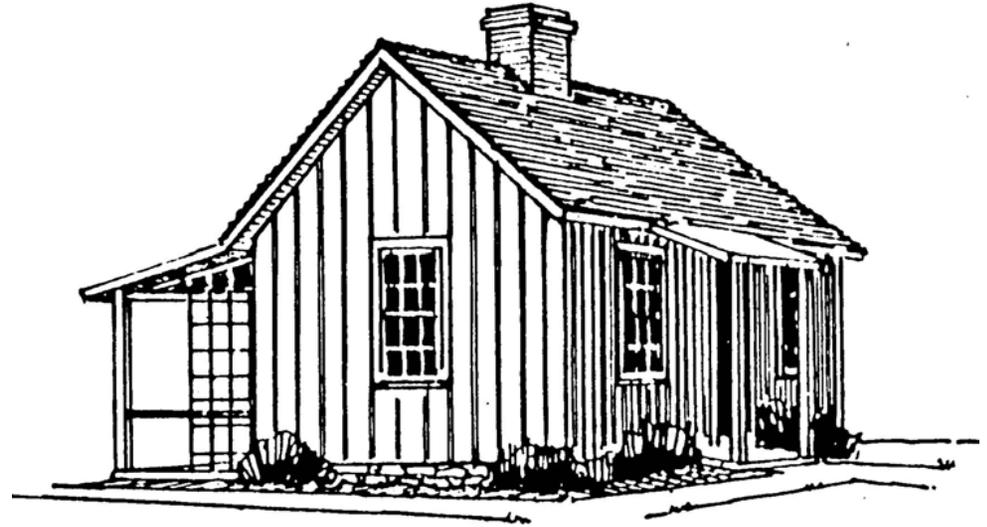
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# Herbert Hoover

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# Junior Ranger Activity Book





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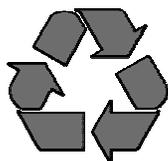
## Explore, Learn, Protect Be a Junior Ranger!

Ask about becoming a Junior Ranger when you visit other National Parks.



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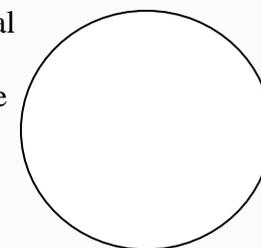
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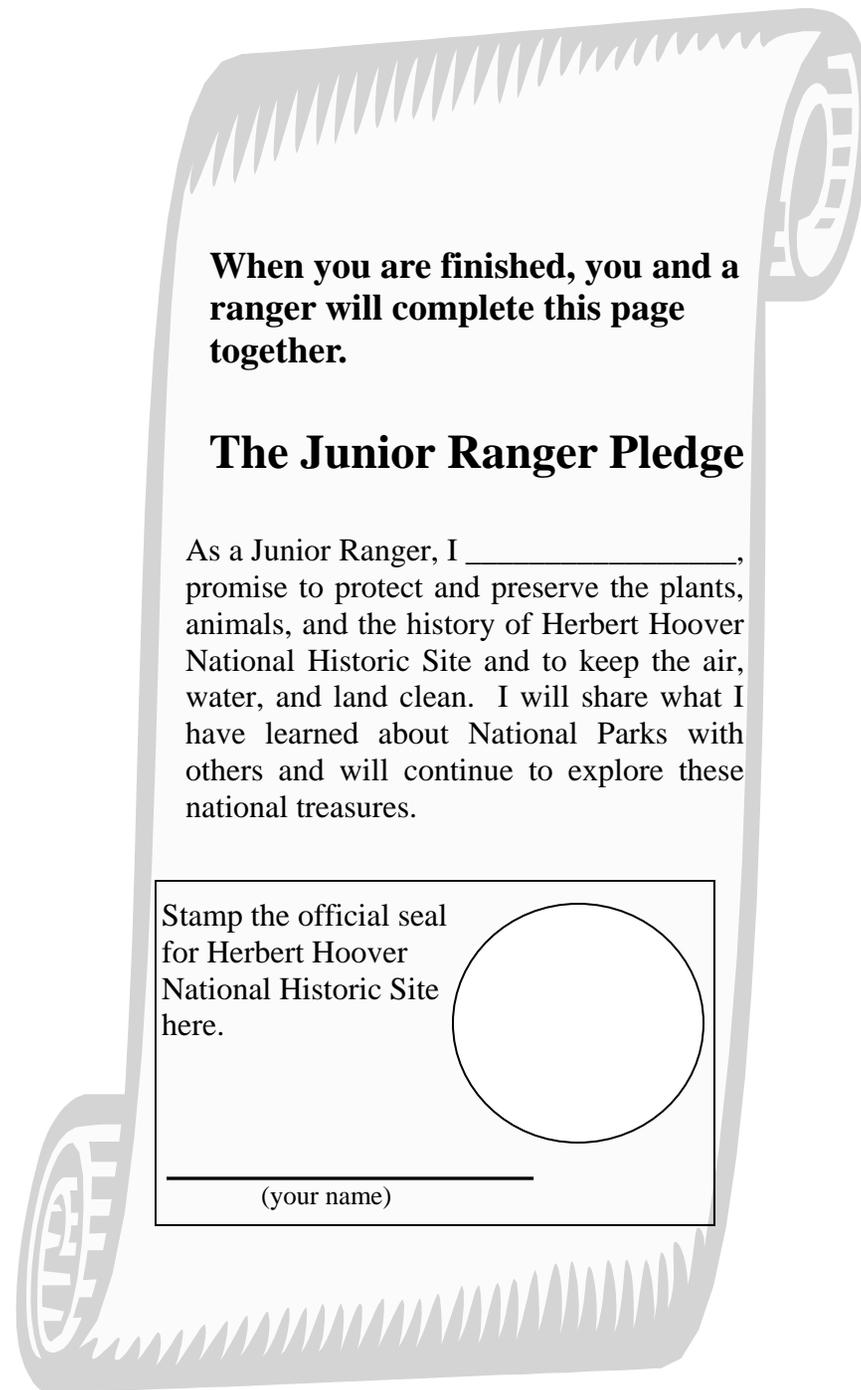
### The Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Junior Ranger, I \_\_\_\_\_, promise to protect and preserve the plants, animals, and the history of Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and to keep the air, water, and land clean. I will share what I have learned about National Parks with others and will continue to explore these national treasures.

Stamp the official seal for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site here.



\_\_\_\_\_ (your name)





# America's Treasure Keepers

Many people work together to protect and preserve your National Parks. Administrative staff manages the money to pay for everything from brochures to computers. Maintenance staff keeps the parks in good condition by picking up trash, repairing historic structures, and cutting the grass. The most recognized National Park Service employee is the Park Ranger. They wear the green and grey uniform with a gold badge and a "Smokey Bear" hat. You can see them doing many different jobs such as greeting visitors at the information desk, providing tours, and protecting the site for future generations of visitors. Dedicated volunteers also donate their time to help all these divisions preserve and protect the parks for YOU.

**Find ANY person who works at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and ask the following questions. Be sure to write down your answers to share with your friends back home!**

What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_

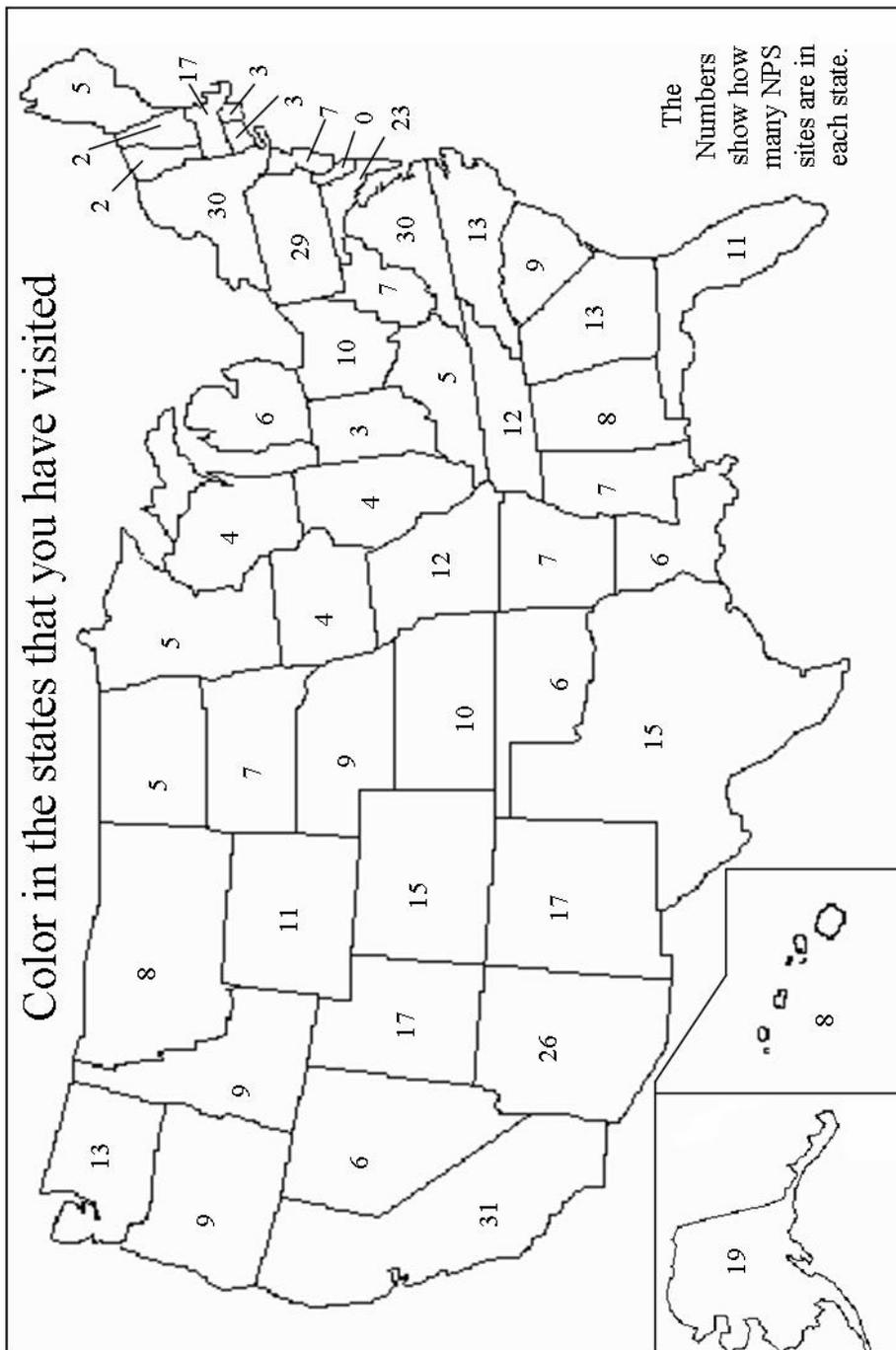
What is your job? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you worked here? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like best about your job? \_\_\_\_\_

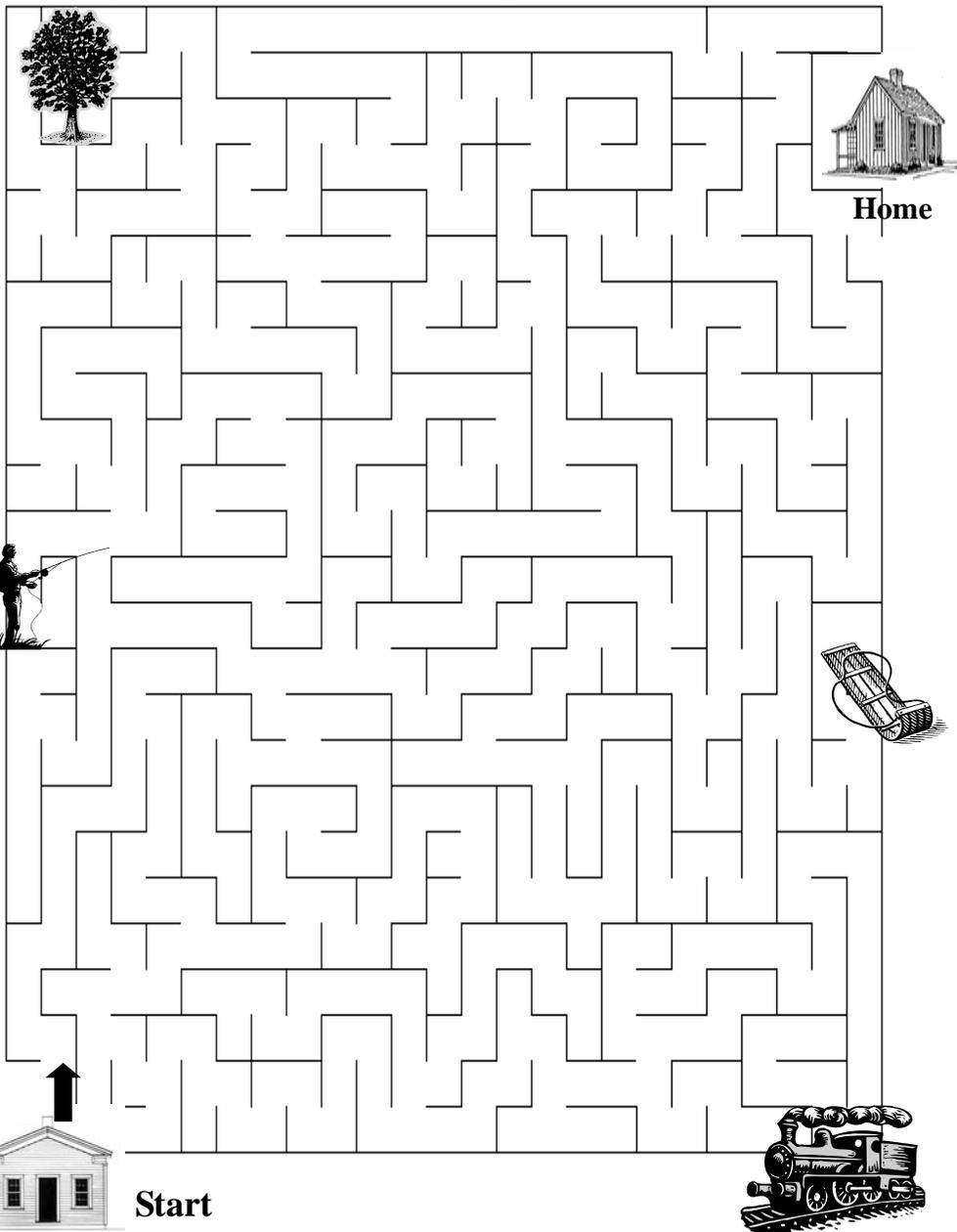
Have you worked at other National Parks? \_\_\_\_\_

Which ones?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# A Day with Herbert:

Help Herbert find his way home from school.



# The National Park Service

*The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. Established on August 25, 1916, the National Park Service now protects and preserves nearly 400 sites.*



## Hoover's Fun Facts

When you see this symbol, you will know you are at a National Park Service site.



How many National Park Service sites are there in your home state?

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What is the only state that does not yet have a National Park Service site?

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What other National Park Service sites have you visited?

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What is a park near your home that you like to visit? (It does not have to be a National Park Service site.)

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**Try this at home!** Check out another National Park Service site. Go online to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) and click on "Visit Your Parks." Look up an NPS site in your state or one that you would like to visit in the future. Become a Web Ranger! Go to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) and click on "Interpretation and Education." Then click on Web Rangers. Or go directly to the Web Rangers site at [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers).



# At the Visitor Center

- Watch the video presentation
- View the center's exhibits



## Hoover's Family

Fill in the names of the Hoover family:



\_\_\_\_\_

Father



\_\_\_\_\_

Son

\_\_\_\_\_

Daughter



\_\_\_\_\_

Mother

\_\_\_\_\_

Son

Names to choose from:

- |       |         |         |          |          |
|-------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Mary  | Frank   | Joe     | Theodore | Eli      |
| Susan | Herbert | William | Jesse    | Beatrice |
| Anne  | Hulda   | Samuel  | Abigail  | Robert   |

# The Tallgrass Prairie Listen Up!

1. Find a spot outside where you can sit.
2. Ask your family and/ or friends to join you!
3. Close your eyes and listen quietly for one minute.

**Hoover Fun Fact**  
 Maybe you have heard of a LANDSCAPE, but have you heard of a **SOUNDSCAPE**?  
 A soundscape is the collection of sounds that you hear in a place.



## What Did You Hear?

Write the sounds you heard in the lists below:

Natural Sounds  
(Made by animals, plants, & things in nature)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Human-made Sounds  
(Made by people or machines)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Can you hear some of these sounds where YOU live? \_\_\_\_ Circle the sounds from above you might hear at home.

Why do you think it is important to protect the soundscape in our national parks?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



When you get home, try this experiment again.

Natural Sounds

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Human-made Sounds

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear more natural sounds?

(Circle One)  
National Park or Home

More human-made sounds?  
(Circle One)

National Park or Home

# Statue of Isis

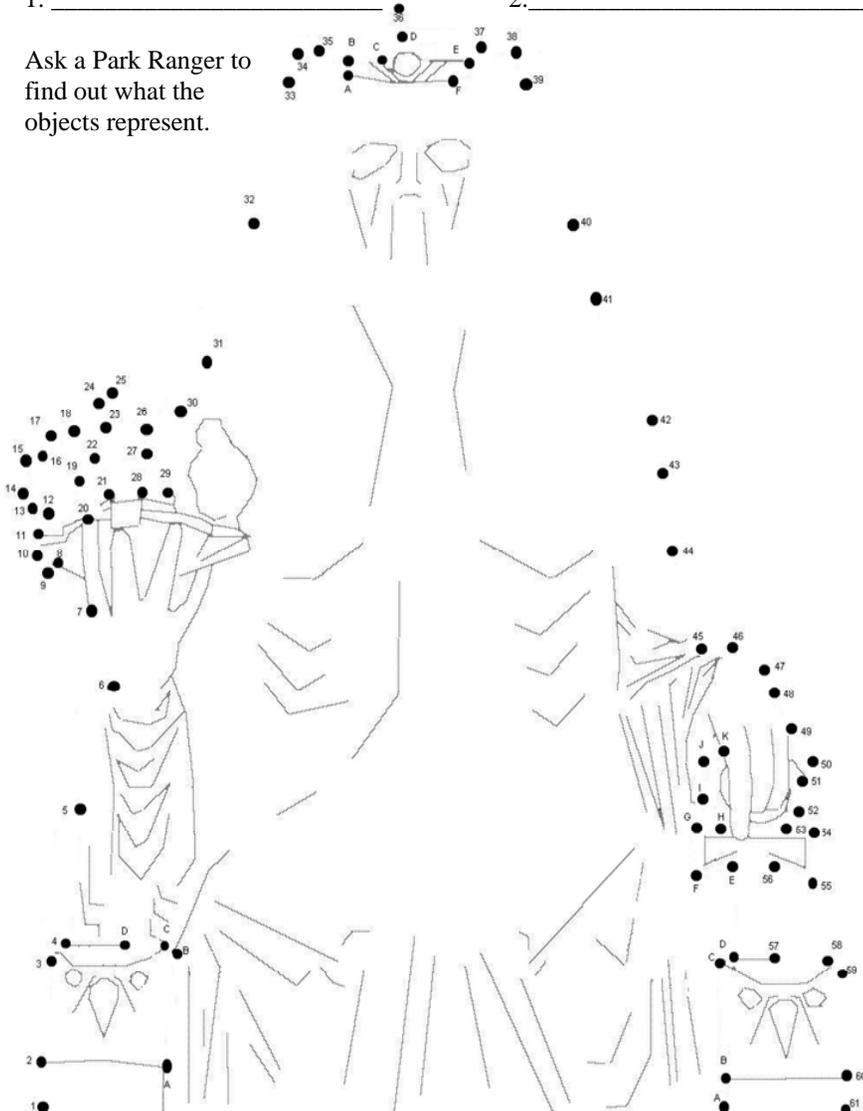
Which country gave this statue to Hebert Hoover? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did this country give this gift to Hoover? \_\_\_\_\_

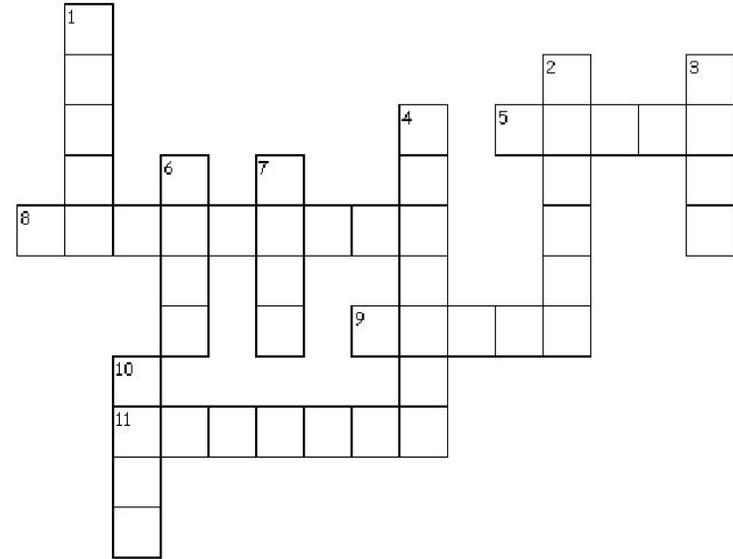
Describe the two objects Isis holds in her hands.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Ask a Park Ranger to find out what the objects represent.



# Herbert Hoover



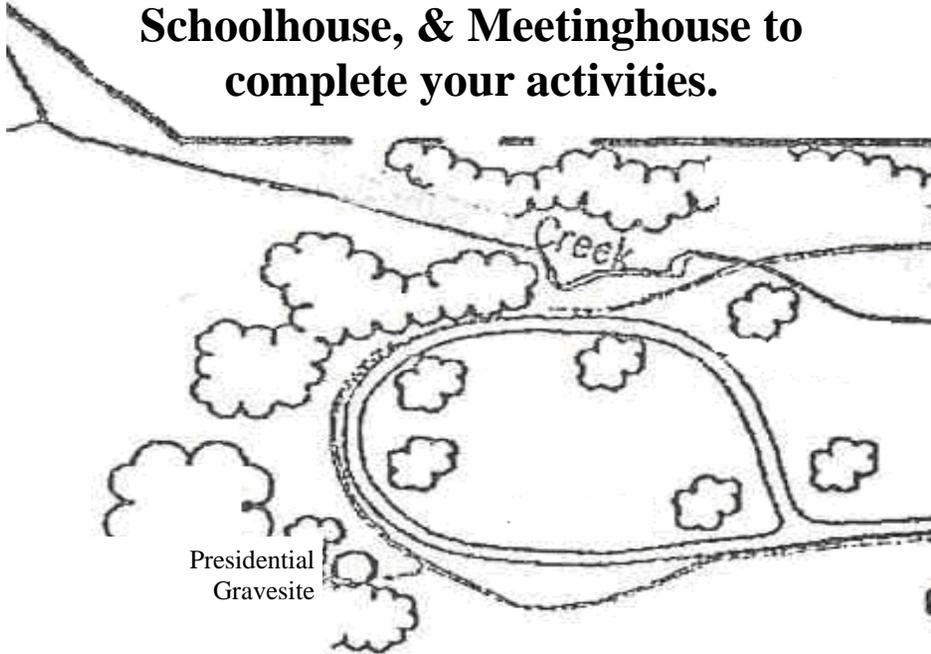
## Down

1. 1885: At 11, Herbert went by \_\_\_\_\_ to Oregon, to live with Uncle Henry John.
2. Born: \_\_\_\_\_ 10, 1874.
3. Herbert had one brother, Theodore, and one sister, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Hoovers were plain people called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Childhood: Hunted potato \_\_\_\_\_; received 1 cent for every 100 insects.
7. Birthplace: West Branch, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Boyhood chore: splitting \_\_\_\_\_.

## Across

5. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Mother died of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Father died of \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
11. After parents died, Herbert, Theodore, and May became \_\_\_\_\_.

Visit the Cottage, Blacksmith Shop,  
Schoolhouse, & Meetinghouse to  
complete your activities.



81-acres  
Tall Grass  
Prairie

## Bert's Riddles

I have a big fireplace.  
Horses come here for shoes.  
A person with a big hammer works here.

What am I?

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I was born in Iowa.  
My parents died when I was a child.  
I became the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the United States.

Who am I?

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I am only used in the hot summer months.  
I am a room in the Birthplace Cottage.  
A woman named Hulda makes supper here.

What am I?

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I am a small town in Iowa.  
A U.S. President was born here.  
A Presidential Library-Museum is here.

Where am I?

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**Choose from the following words:**

BELLOWS	BLACKSMITH SHOP
HERBERT HOOVER	WAPSINONOC
QUAKER	WEST BRANCH
SUMMER KITCHEN	RUG BEATER

# Meetinghouse



**Hoover Fun Fact**



Herbert's mother, Hulda, was a recorded minister and often traveled to area Meetinghouses.

What year was the Meetinghouse built?

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Name one value of the Quaker faith that helped shape Herbert Hoover's life.

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When the children would grow restless, where did their mothers take them?

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When would they close the partitions?

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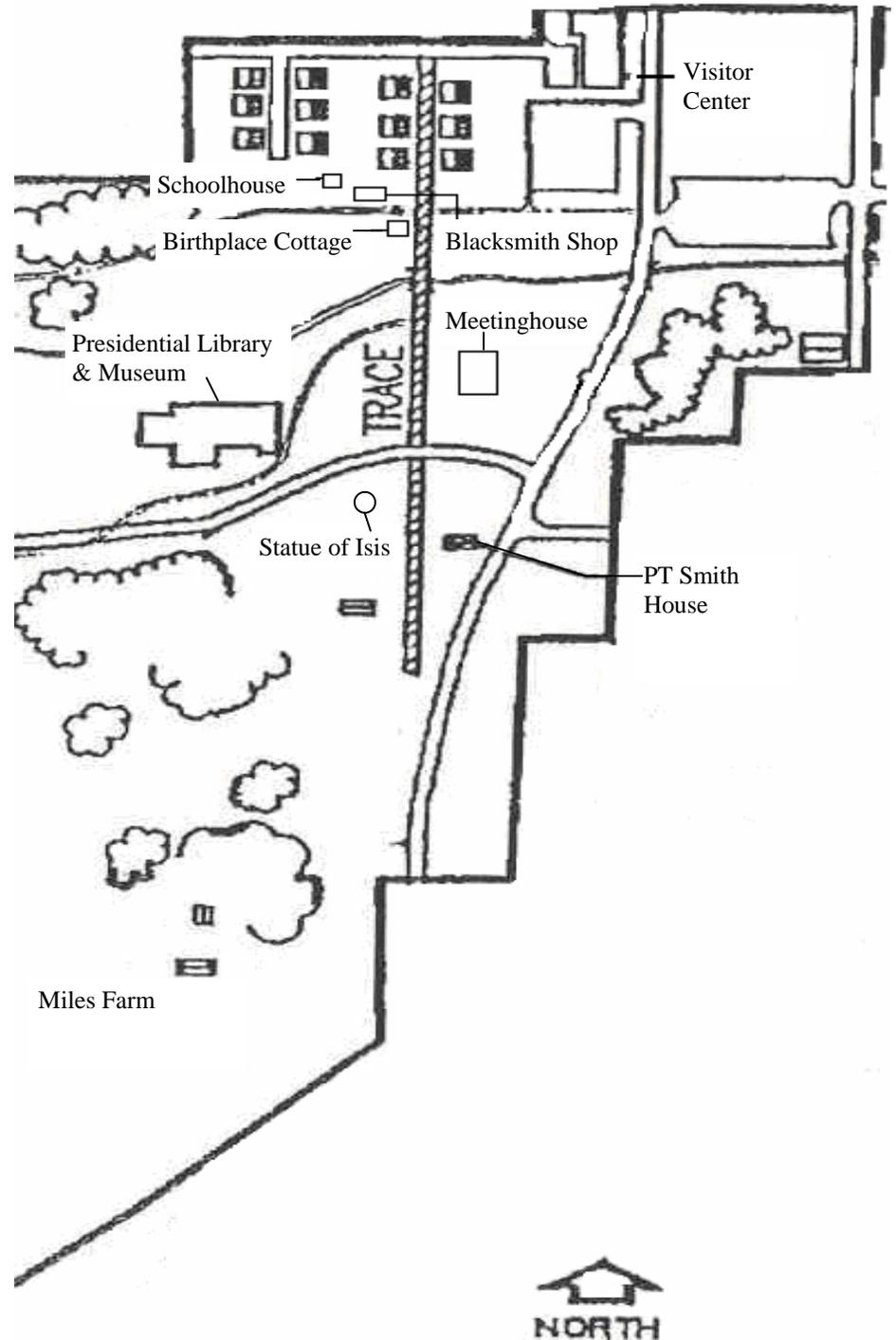
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Why would they close the partitions?

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# Birthplace Cottage



Visit the cottage where Herbert Hoover was born.

List three ways in which this house is different from where you live:

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How many people would have lived here during Herbert's time?

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How would your life be different if you lived here?

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Where and why did the Hoovers have a summer kitchen?

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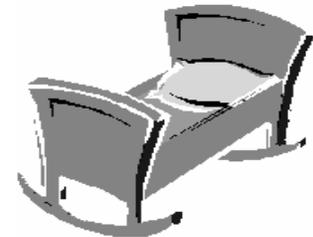
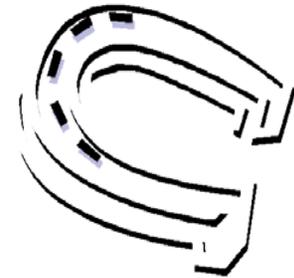
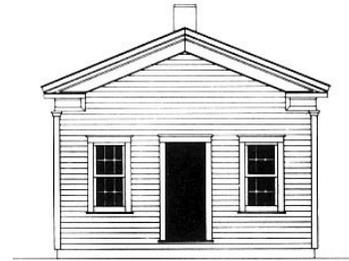
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**Hoover Fun Fact**  
Herbert's Dad Jesse and Grandfather Eli built this simple 2-room cottage in the spring of 1871.



# Where does it belong?

Draw a line connecting each of the items to where it can be found:



# Schoolhouse



**Hoover Fun Fact**



The school served not only as a place of education but also as the meetinghouse. A canvas tarp was used as a partition.

In what year was the schoolhouse built?

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What are the names of the two Presidents hanging on the wall?

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Why might Herbert have looked up to these two men?

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What are three subjects students studied in this one-room schoolhouse?

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In the 1870's, when Herbert went to school, children used slates and chalk to write out their lessons. What do you use to finish your homework?

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# Cottage Word Search



Find these items that were part of Herbert Hoover's boyhood.

Do you recognize them too?

T D K Q K H C C T W G E B B M  
 S H B N U C O P A R T V E U Z  
 N H E L P T I P M I W O L T T  
 B R D O T B S T S U W T L T R  
 U A E A D I I E S H P S O E E  
 G Z G T N O V R Q P E D W R B  
 G E W O S A R A T M O O S C R  
 Y D N U R I Q E D H X O V U E  
 F O S G M Z C U C F P W H R H  
 C H T I M S K C A L B L Y N E  
 Y D N R E T N A L K N G A X F  
 R X J W A S H T U B E Y D C W  
 A E S S E J D V H K U R U O E  
 M W J T K Y T C E K C E L X O  
 R U G B E A T E R L J P A Q S

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|-----------|-------------|------------|
| BELLOWS   | BIRTHPLACE  | BLACKSMITH |
| BUGGY     | BUTTERCHURN | CISTERN    |
| COTTAGE   | GRAVESITE   | HERBERT    |
| HOOPSTICK | HULDA       | JESSE      |
| LANTERN   | MARY        | PLOW       |
| PUMP      | QUAKER      | RUG BEATER |
| THEODORE  | WAPSINONOC  | WASHTUB    |
| WOODSTOVE |             |            |

# Jesse Hoover's Blacksmith Shop

Herbert Hoover's father, Jesse Hoover, was a blacksmith.



**Hoover Fun Fact**  
 Can you spot the horse's tail?  
 Blacksmiths would use this to keep a horse calm, by making the horse believe there is another horse there, while changing its shoes.



What type of work does a blacksmith do?

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Which of these workers has replaced the blacksmith today?

- Electrician      Welder      Plumber

Jesse Hoover advertised his blacksmith shop in the West Branch Times newspaper with the saying "Horse shoeing and plow work a specialty."

Create your own advertisement for the West Branch Times newspaper below:

Take a minute and see how many horseshoes you can count in the shop: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hoover Scavenger Hunt

	 Washington		
		 HERBERT HOOVER 1874-1964	
			
	