Stop 6: Harry's Heroes

Harry, like most people, had heroes, but his heroes were not great athletes or movie stars, instead they were people who made history. When Harry was ten years old his mother gave him a set of books entitled *Great Men and Famous Women*. This set of books was a collection of stories about famous people in history. In this set of books Harry discovered most of his heroes as well as his love of history. Harry would study these famous people in order to learn from them.

Harry's biggest hero was the fiery, head strong Andrew Jackson, for whom Jackson County is named. Jackson was Harry's hero for a number of reasons. First, Jackson had been a successful military leader, something young Harry Truman wanted to be. Jackson was also a Democrat who served as president from 1828 to 1836. Harry admired Jackson so much when Harry became a Jackson County judge he decided to build a statue of Jackson in front of both county courthouses. One of those statues still stands today in Kansas City. The other statue is the one you see in front of you. This statue was donated by President Truman to the city in order to honor his hero.

Activity 6)

1. Use the clues below to unscramble the words next to them. Each scrambled word is the name of one of Harry's heroes.

sntinhoagW George _____ Revolutionary leader and first US President.

icLnlon Abraham _____ President during the civil war.

csnkaJo Andrew _____ Military leader, president from 1828 to 1836

orteRb _____ E. Lee Southern general during the civil war.

rknlaiFn Ben _____ Revolutionary leader who flew a kite in the rain.

2. Answer these questions:
1. Who is your hero?

2. What do all of Harry's hero's have in common?

3. Who is your favorite historical figure?

Harry's mother was not the only one who introduced him to his historical heroes, Harry's history teacher also taught him the value of history. From here turn left on Maple and go two blocks to the corner of Maple and Pleasant.