Fort Pulaski

## Pre-visit Background for Fort Pulaski

U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service

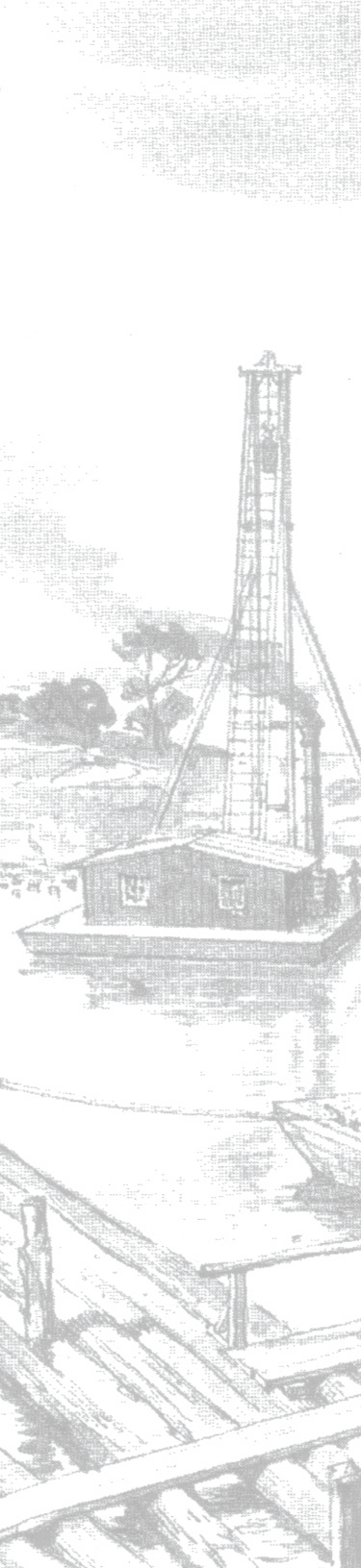
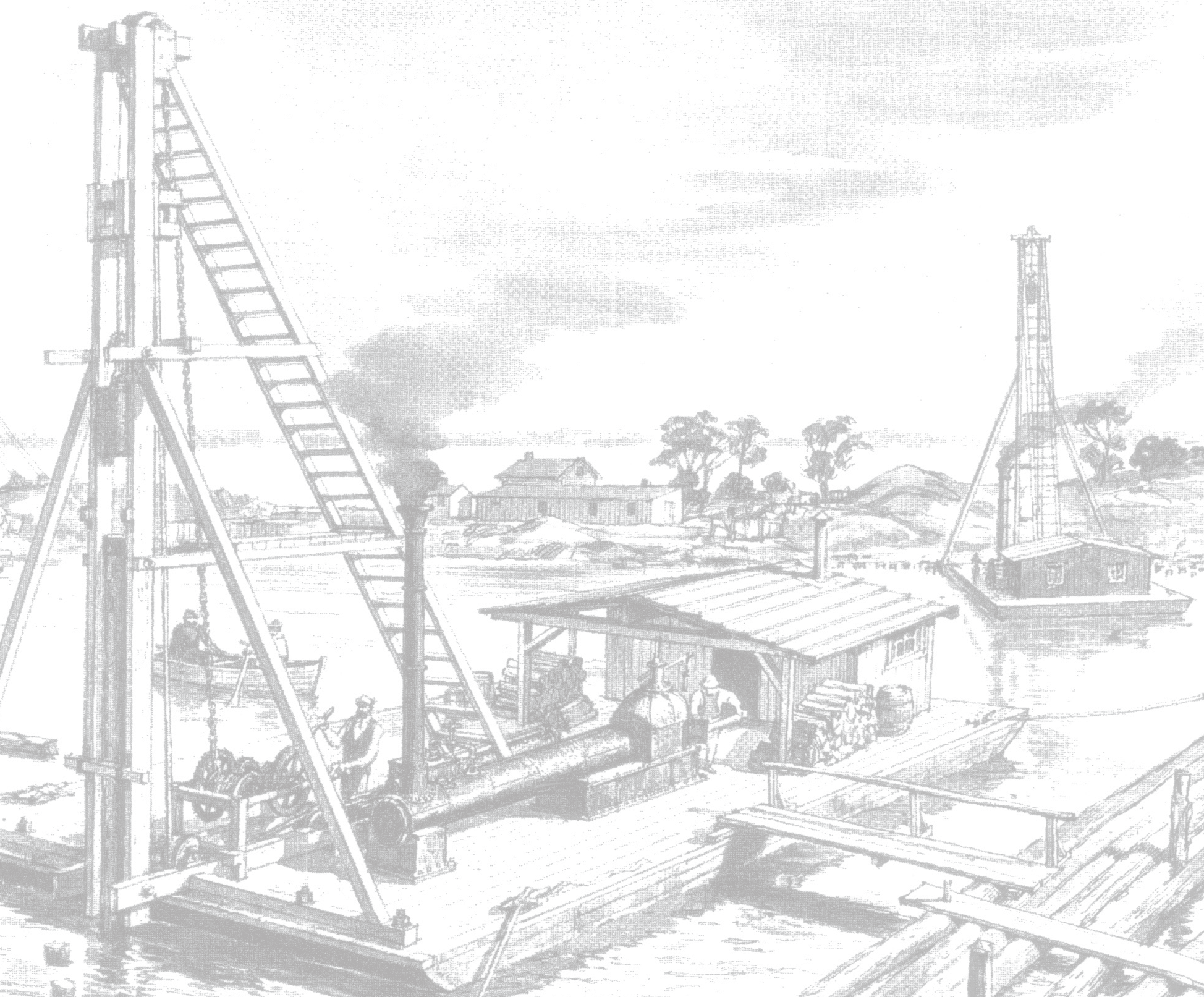
Fort Pulaski National Monument

### This is information that you can share with your students prior to your visit to Fort Pulaski. The information is organized thematically. It is designed to be used with the accompanying spider activity as a pre-visit program prior to your field trip to Fort Pulaski.

Location of Fort Pulaski • Built on Cockspur Island.

* Located at the mouth of the Savannah River.
* Built to protect the port of Savannah.
* Fort cannons defended against an enemy approach by water.

### Construction of Fort Pulaski



Use of Fort Pulaski

* Planned after War of 1812.
* Built by the U.S. Government.
* Cost to build was $1 million.
* Built with 25 million bricks.
* Georgia state soldiers sieze fort from federal caretakers (January 1861).
* Georgia turns fort over to Confederacy (April 1861).
* Union Army places cannons on Tybee Island preparing to attack fort (February 1862).
* Confederate Colonel Charles Olmstead refuses to surrender fort to Union, so the battle begins (April 10, 1862).
* Construction lasted from 1829-1847.
* It took 18 years to build fort.
* Named for Count Casimir Pulaski, Revolutionary War hero.
* Union General Quincy Gillmore attacks fort with new technology, rifled cannons.
* Corner of fort destroyed by Union cannon fire.
* Battle lasts 30 hours.
* Colonel Olmstead surrenders Fort Pulaski to Union (April 11, 1862).
* Fort Pulaski becomes a National Monument (1924).

# Fort Pulaski

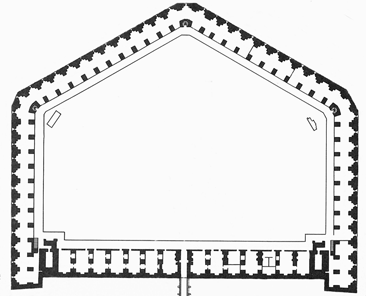
U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service

Fort Pulaski National Monument

## Pre-visit Activity Spider Activity

### Fill in the circles with the correct information.





What

Fort Pulaski

### Who

U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service

Fort Pulaski

Fort Pulaski National Monument

## Pre-visit Activity Spider Activity Answers

### The answers to this activity can be found in the teacher backgrounders that are included on the Fort Pulaski website.

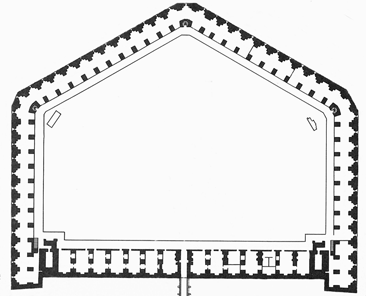
18 years

25 million bricks

$1 million

To defend the port of Savannah and the Savannah River.

* Planned after War of 1812
* Started 1829
* Finished 1847
* Battle in 1862
* Cockspur Island
* Mouth of Savannah River



Brick Fortifiication

### What

Fort Pulaski

### Who

Military

U.S. Government Laborers

Slaves

Col. Charles Olmstead