



The National Park Service

Independence National Historical Park

Second Bank Portrait Gallery Questions to Ponder

(Return your pencil and show your completed questions to a ranger to receive a reward!)

A few rules to remember while you are in the museum:

- Look, but do not touch the paintings or exhibits.
- Carry your bags by your side so they do not accidentally hit a painting or exhibit.
- Use only pencils and write only on your paper.
- Do not eat or drink in the museum.
- Walk inside the building and keep your voice down.
- If you have any questions, ask a ranger. That is why they are there!



Guess what this building was used for before it opened as a museum. What clues did you use to make your guess?

Choose one work of art in the museum and answer the following questions.

1) What is the title of this work of art, who is the artist, and what year was it completed?

2) Think of another name for this artwork and write it here. Why did you choose this name? _____

3) Is there anything unusual about this painting? What do you notice first and why? _____

4) Are there any things shown in this painting that you do not know the name for? _____. Please describe them. _____

5) Are there any things in this painting that look like things you have? _____.
Please describe them. _____

6) What kind of material did the artist use to create this work of art?

7) Is there anything in the painting you would like to change? Please explain
what you would change and why. _____

8) If you could **hear** this painting, what kinds of sounds would you hear? List
some of the sounds below. Are they loud? Do you hear a single sound or
many sounds? Where are they coming from? _____

9) What kind of story can you create about this painting using your
imagination? What do you think the people in the painting are thinking
about? Be sure to include some of the things that you "heard" in the
painting in your story as well. _____



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