Federal Hall
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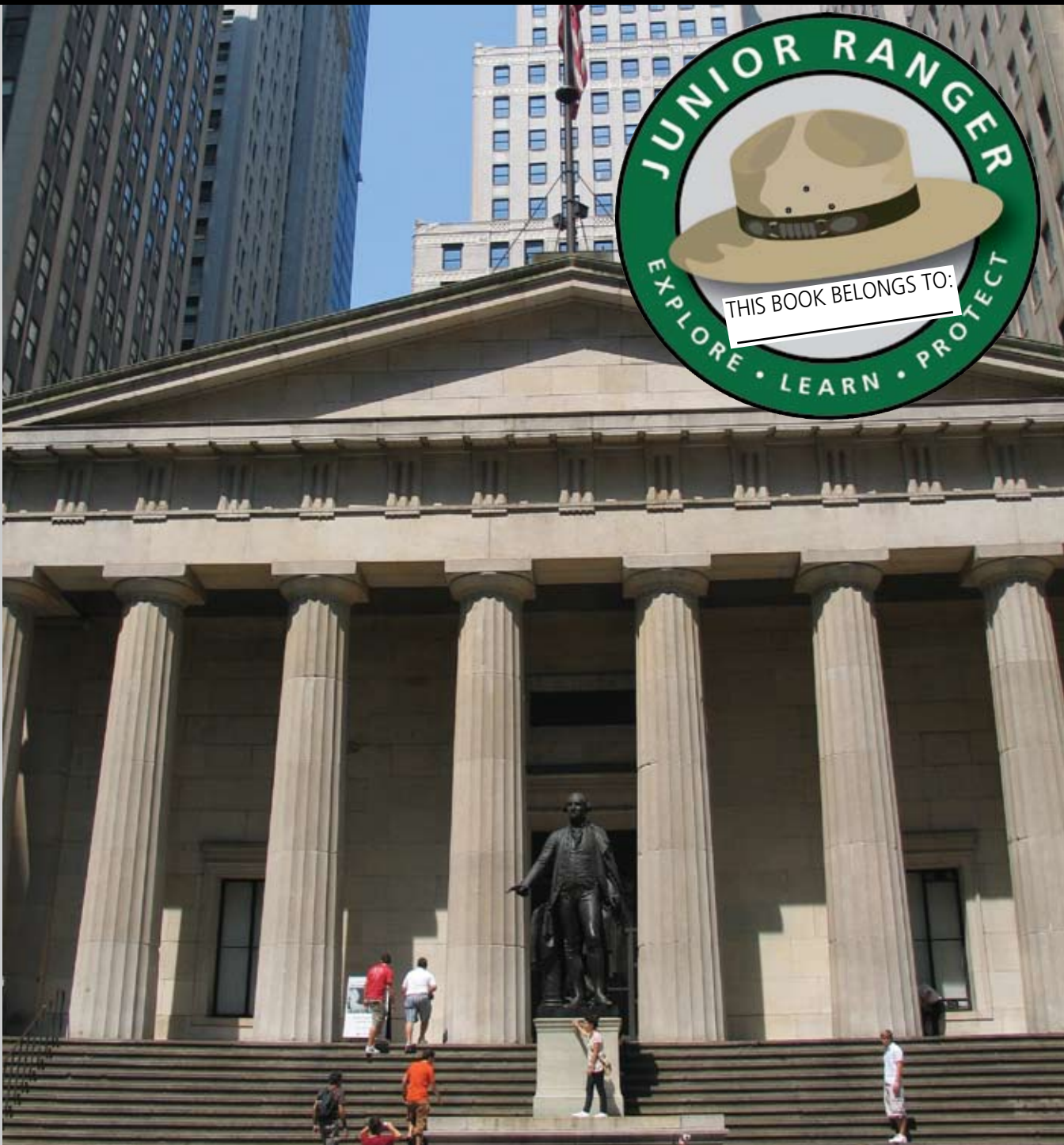

Welcome to Federal Hall!

All Ages

Ages 8 & up

Ages 11 & up

This book is your guide to becoming a Junior Park Ranger at Federal Hall.

To earn your badge:

1 Find your age group

2 Complete all of the activities for your group (or as many as you can!)

3 Find a Park Ranger to sign your certificate and collect your official Junior Ranger badge

Let the fun begin!

Federal Hall is just one of many National Parks in the United States. The National Park Service protects and preserves places that are special to the American people.

Park Rangers care for National Parks. **Find** the panel in the Visitor Center with the Junior Park Ranger badge. **Read** the panels around it. **Describe** what else a Park Ranger does:

Ask a Ranger about today's visitor programs!

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did you know?

The Visitor Center in Federal Hall tells the stories of all of the National Parks of New York Harbor. There are special panels there just for Junior Rangers like you!

Federal Hall is one of nearly 400 National Parks across the country and one of 23 special destinations at the 10 National Parks of New York Harbor.

From Nieuw-Amsterdam to 'New York'...

The first European settlers on Manhattan Island were Dutch. They arrived in 1624 and named their city New Amsterdam.

Find the Gateway to America sign at the entrance to the visitor information center. **Look** at the painting of Nieuw-Amsterdam. **Describe** what you see...

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The English permanently took over New Amsterdam in 1674 and renamed the city New York. The city was so small that it only covered the very tip of Manhattan!

The northern border of New York was actually a wall that stretched from one end of the island to the other, where *Wall Street* is today.

Why do you think the settlers built a wall outside their city?

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Why do you think the wall was torn down?

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Lower Manhattan has changed a lot since 1699. Over the years, land was added onto the shoreline. Connect the dots around Old Manhattan to see how much New York has grown.

The Trial of John Peter Zenger

The first building on this site was New York City Hall. The courtroom in the building was used for a very important trial in 1735.

John Peter Zenger was arrested for printing stories the Royal Governor didn't like. His trial proved that printing the truth was not against the law.

Find the words in the word bank. All words are down or across. **Use** the leftover letters **to spell out** an important message.

word bank

ink
paper
print
type
leading
platen
tonkin
news
libel
zenger
cosby
tympan
frisket
puller
beater

f	p	u	l	l	e	r	r	e	e
d	l	e	a	d	i	n	g	b	f
o	a	m		z	e	n	g	e	r
t	t	o	n	k	i	n	k	a	i
y	e	o	f	p	r	i	n	t	s
m	n	c	o	s	b	y	t	e	k
p	a	p	e	r		t	y	r	e
a	h	e	p	r	e	s	p	s	t
n	l	i	b	e	l	n	e	w	s

Vocabulary Alert!
Are there words you don't recognize in the word bank? Ask a Park Ranger!

The Zenger case helped to establish

did you know?

The printing press is often referred to as one of the greatest weapons of the American Revolution. Have you ever heard the expression 'the pen is mightier than the sword'?

Stories and pictures printed in newspapers helped spread news and political opinions. News about American victories in the war built support for George Washington and the American cause.

I Spy with Washington's Spies...

New York City was key to the Revolutionary War. In 1776 the British took over the City after defeating the Americans in the *Battle of Brooklyn*. The Americans and the British used spies to get information during the war.

The British used a special stencil called a *grille* to send messages. Both sides used different *ciphers*, or codes, and invisible ink.

Read the paragraph. **Go** to the visitor services desk and **ask** to speak to *CULPER-JUNIOR* to get your grille. **Find** the secret message **to discover** where the United States' first capital was!

> Americans gained their Independence when the Revolutionary War ended in 1783.
>
> The Mayor and Governor of New York moved back into City Hall, and New York patriots moved back into the city.
>
> In 1787 a new Constitution was written for the country. When enough states approved of the new government, an official capital city needed to be chosen.

What city served as the Nation's first capital?

_____ _____ _____

try this later!

George Washington's spies used invisible ink to send him messages. You can make invisible ink at home and send messages like Washington's spies! You will need: Lemon juice, paper, Q-tips, an iron, and an adult.

Write your message with lemon juice and let it dry. Get an adult to iron the paper for you. The hot iron will turn the lemon juice brown and reveal your message!

From City Hall to Federal Hall...

A new system of government was formed in 1787 when the Constitution was written. New York City was chosen as the first official capital of the United States of America.

An official capital needs a capitol building. Find the models of City Hall and Federal Hall. City Hall was remodeled in 1789 to look more impressive.

List three differences between the two buildings.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

April 30, 1789 was the first *Inauguration Day*. George Washington took the oath of office on Federal Hall's balcony.

Go outside and stand by the George Washington statue. How do you think Washington felt when he became the first President?

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How would you feel?

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did you know?

The Washington Inaugural Bible is over 200 years old! It is still actively used by the members of St. John's Lodge No. One, the oldest operating Masonic Lodge in New York State. St. John's works with the National Park Service to protect this important piece of American History. When it is not being used by the lodge, it is on semi-permanent display here at Federal Hall. The Bible is a King James version that was printed in 1767 in London, England.

Choosing a Capital City...

The President, Congress and the Supreme Court work together to make sure the country runs smoothly. In 1790, as part of a compromise, the capital changed locations.

Use the map to figure out which cities served as the capital.
Fill in the missing names and dates.

How many years was Philadelphia the capital?

_____

Where is the capital today?

_____ _____ _____

did you know?

Martha Washington was not present at the first inauguration. She arrived in New York a full month after George did because it was her job to pack up the household and move it from Mt. Vernon, Virginia.

As the *first* First Lady, Martha was known as *Lady Washington*. Foreign visitors and Revolutionary War veterans loved her because she had the ability to make everyone feel welcome.

A New *Gem* on Wall Street

In 1811, Federal hall closed its doors for the last time. All of the government offices moved away. The building was torn down in 1812.

You can still see two pieces of the original Federal Hall on display here today! **Check** off the boxes below when you find them:

☐ Railing

Hint: Look in the Washington Inaugural Gallery

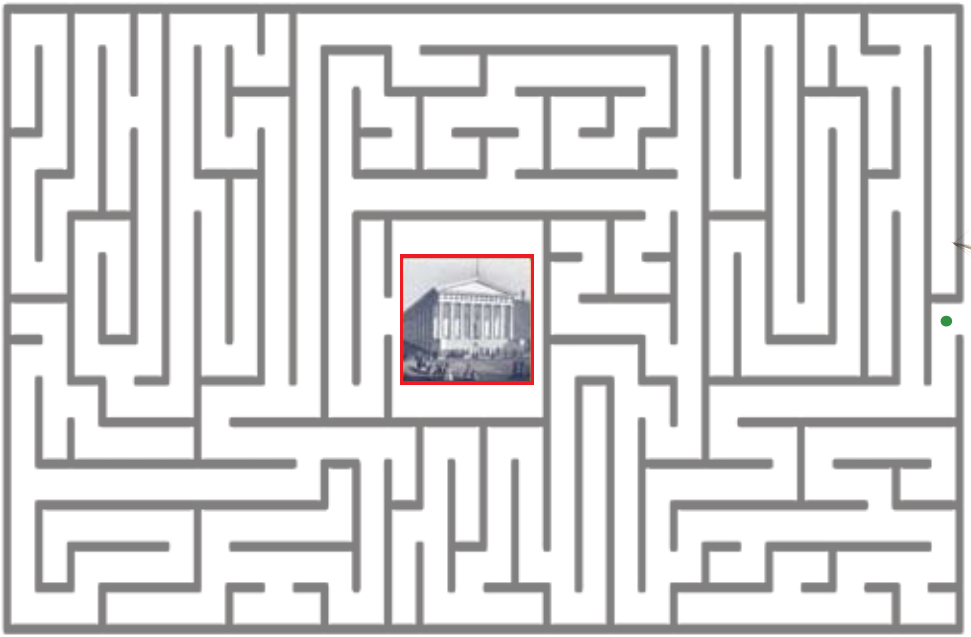
☐ Stone

Hint: Look in the Rotunda

Even though Federal Hall was gone, New Yorkers knew this area was very special. In 1842, the brand-new *Custom House* was built on the site of the old Capitol.

An *import* is merchandise from another country.

Merchants from all over the world came to the new Custom House to pay their taxes on *imports*.



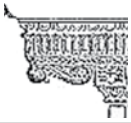
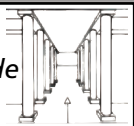
Find your way from the docks at South Street Seaport to the Custom House to pay your import taxes!

Columns, Cornices and Colonnades...

The architects who designed the Custom House wanted the building to look strong and beautiful at the same time. They used elements of Classical architecture from Greek and Roman designs.

Match each picture with its description. How many can you **find** in Federal Hall?

check off each feature as you find it

Corinthian Column	A room with a circular plan, usually with a dome	
Cornice 	An upright post with an ornately carved top	
Pilaster	A regular series of columns creating a line, curve or circle	
Rotunda	The top section of moldings along a wall or just below a roof	
Colonnade 	A rectangular support that looks like a flat column	

did you know?

If you look at the floor of the rotunda, you will see marks on the floor where a railing used to be. The desk where you paid your customs stood behind the rail.

The floor of the rotunda also has a groove in it running all the way around the room. It is the result of thousands of people waiting for their turn at the desk!

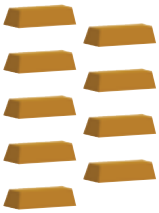
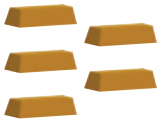
$220,222,138.01

By 1862, the Custom House was too small to handle collecting duties on all of the imports coming into New York Harbor. The collection agents and vaults moved to a larger building.

President Abraham Lincoln decided that the old Custom House would be a good, strong place to store gold and silver. The building was renamed the *Federal Sub-Treasury*.

The Sub-Treasury closed in 1920. On June 30, 1897 it stored $220,238.01 in its vaults!

Complete the table below to find the amount of money stored in the vaults...

Vault 1	Vault 2	Vault 3	Vault 4
How many bars do you see below?	*How many bars do you have if you deposit 3?*	*How many bars are left if you take away 5?*	*If three vaults all have the same amount inside, how much gold would you have?*
	____ bars + 	____ bars – 	____ bars x *3 vaults*
____ bars	____ bars	____ bars	____ bars

did you know?

printed August 1, 1862

The first green dollar bills were printed in the 1860s and stored in the Sub-Treasury. Today, George Washington is on our $1 bill. If you could design a dollar bill, who would you put on it?

Experience Your America...

The Custom House Building became known as *Federal Hall National Memorial* in 1955. The building is now a place to remember all of the historic events that have occurred here and how they affect our lives today.

National Park Rangers care for all National Parks, but it is a job we cannot do alone. The *stewardship* of the American people is vital to the well-being of our national treasures.

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care.

What are some things *YOU* can do to help care for our National Parks?

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try this later!

Color in the arrowhead when you get home!

The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service.

The sequoia tree and the bison represent nature, the mountains and water represent recreation, and the arrowhead represents history and archeology.

The emblem symbolizes the values of National Park Rangers.

Congratulations! You have completed the Junior Park Ranger guide for Federal Hall. Present your completed booklet to a Park Ranger to receive your badge. Why not also become a WebRanger? Visit *www.nps.gov/webrangers* to learn more.

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Junior Ranger Certificate

I, _____, promise to share what I have learned today with others. I will explore, preserve and protect America's National Parks, so that through my stewardship, they will be preserved for future generations.

JUNIOR RANGER
EXPLORE • LEARN • PROTECT

_____
Junior Ranger

_____
Certifying Park Ranger

_____
Date

George Washington took his own oath – the oath of office as first President of the United States – on the site of Federal Hall.