



THAMES RIVER QUEST – DOWNTOWN NEW LONDON WATERFRONT PARK:

*At this place the boat you carries
Lots of interesting sights you'll see
To Long, Fishers and Block islands there are ferries
And across the river Electric Boat or just "EB"
Building nuclear-powered subs for our military.*

You can begin your walk into history at the colorful mini-submarine sculpture located at the base of City Pier. It's close to the dock where you exit the water taxi. It is also easily reached by walking off Water Street, past the train station, across the railroad tracks and onto New London's waterfront park. Walking away from the water, turn left onto the walkway just beyond the signs for the Mystic Whaler and the Fishers Island Ferry landing. What vowel begins one of the words in these two names? (I) Put this in spaces #2, 13, 30, 44 and 47 of the clue. Now continue walking straight ahead and stop at the statue on your left of the small boy sitting on a rock.

*So serious does he appear
As he writes his observations
This young Eugene emerged premier
With weighty plays of his creation
Lauded in the most Nobel sphere.*

1. Where is Eugene O'Neill's boyhood home? _____
Which of his plays includes the name of a species of tree? _____
Take the three digits in the address number and add them together _____, then add that number to the number of letters in the tree name _____. Take the first letter of this word ____ and put it in space #1 of the clue. Take the first letter of the name of the play ____ and put it in spaces #4 and #48.

Continue back along the waterfront path away from the water taxi landing. Take a left into the first side pier and note the signs for the sea creatures that can be found in Long Island Sound and the etchings of them in the pavement.

*Quahogs, oysters and clams with soft shells
Bivalves all are these
Shrimp, lobster and crabs live here as well
But are called crustaceans, please
Also five kinds of fish here do dwell.*

2. The signs also describe one mammal and one echinoderm. What are they? _____

Count the number of letters in all four words of these names _____. Take the third letter of the word for this number _____ put it in spaces # 7, 10, 11, 18, 23, 34 and 49 of the clue.

3. Now walk past the humpback whale sign to the "Marine Life of the Lower Thames River Sign." Salt water from Long Island Sound mixes in the river with fresh water from three other rivers. This means the Thames River is an _____ (7 letters). Take the second letter of that word _____ and put it in space #46 of the clue. What are the names of the three rivers that flow into the Thames? _____ Take the seventh letter of the river name that is nine letters long. Place that letter in spaces #39 and #43 of the clue _____.
4. Head back to the main pathway and continue to the second side pier and the sign with "New London and the Sea" on one side. What's the title of the other side? _____. Take the first letter of this title _____ and put it in spaces #12 and #29 of the clue. The U.S. Custom House, which is described on the "New London and the Sea" side of the sign, can be seen across the railroad tracks. It is the gray granite block building.

*Of privateers and shipwrights, a regatta and more
New London and its harbor are known
The story of the Amistad unfolded on its shore
The oldest custom house still stands here in stone
And from many whaling ships once did oil pour.*

5. What names did the native Americans use for the Thames River? _____ (five words) and _____. Of the two letters common to both tribal names (Pequot and Mohegan), which letter comes later in alphabetical order? Take this letter _____ and put it in spaces #25, 28, 41 and 42 of the clue. Now find the two consonants in the tribal names that come closest to the beginning of the alphabet. Put the one closest to the beginning _____ in space #22 of the clue. Put the next highest _____ in spaces 6, 15, 17, 24 and 33 of the clue.
6. Continue to the Customs House Pier and read the "Changing Shoreline" sign. Look at the small map in the center of a portion of the city with the Shaw Mansion, the Stone House that belonged to Nathaniel Hempstead, grandson of the author of the Hempstead Diary, and the Coit House. All the streets on the map can still be found in the city. Three of the street names and the name of the cove all begin with the same letter _____. Take the second letter of the longest of these four names _____ and put it in spaces #19, 26, 27 and 40 of the clue. Take the last letter of that same name and put it in spaces #3, 31, 38 and 45 of the clue.

Now turn around and head back along the path, noticing the murals on the backs of the downtown stores and restaurants along Bank Street. When you reach City Pier, head across the railroad tracks toward the large red brick building. This is Union Station, a stop for Amtrak and Shoreline East trains on the Northeast Corridor between Washington D.C., New York City and Boston. Walk around to the front of the station and find the plaque by the front door.

7. What was the name of the architect? _____ Take the first letter of his last name _____ and put it in spaces #9, 21 and 36 of the clue. How many years passed between when it was built _____ and when it was saved, restored, adaptively reused and named to the National Register of Historic Places? _____. Count the letters in the architect's name ____ and add it to this number _____. Add these three digits together. _____ Take the third letter in the word for this number _____ and put it in space #37.
8. Now walk back around the building and carefully cross the railroad tracks to return to City Pier. Turn left and walk across the lot until you find the large sign along the waterfront announcing a new museum. What will the museum commemorate (two words, five letters each)? _____ Take the last letter of the first word of the name and put it in spaces #5, 8, 14, 16, 32 and 35 of the clue. Take the vowel that's repeated in the name _____ and put it in space #20 of the clue.

Your clue should be complete. Turn around with your back to the water and walk across the lot to the chain link fence to find the treasure.

Congratulations! We hope you had fun!

Now return to City Pier and head back to the water taxi dock. Show your Quest ticket to board the water taxi for the next part of the Quest, across the river in Groton at Fort Griswold State Park.

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