



Fort Trumbull Quest

Water Taxi Landing Starting Point: walk to the left past the restroom building and look for the sign to the “North Battery and Fort.” Follow the sign up the stairs all the way to the top. You’ll see a wrought iron fence around a hillside and a rooftop just beyond. Turn right around the path, then make a left toward the small gray cut stone building called the Blockhouse.

Visitor Center Entrance Starting Point: walk past the “Site Orientation” sign towards the fort, and turn left onto the path towards the small gray cut stone block building called the Blockhouse.

This Quest will take about ½ hour to 45 minutes.

Head up the path a little way

And there your Quest will start

At a Blockhouse strong and gray

Standing still though its peers did depart.

1. At the Blockhouse, the sign says that it is the only building remaining from the original 1700s fort. It also says that this is the last one standing of many buildings like it along the coast between which two states? ____ (five letters) and ____ (seven letters). Take the first letter of the longer state name and put it in space #s 49 and 50 of the final clue.
2. Which governor the fort was named for? _____ (eight letters) _____ (eight letters). Take the fifth letter of his last name and put it in space #5.
3. One of the walls of the Blockhouse has a circular stone pattern in it. Count the number of stone blocks in the circle. ____ Write the word for this number _____ (five letters) . Write the last letter of this word in space #s 7, 17, 18, 20, 26, 34 and 54.
4. Now walk behind the Blockhouse to find the sign for the “North Battery.” In the 1800s, what three large pieces of military equipment were positioned here? _____ (six letters) _____ (four letters) Take the third letter of the first word of the name and put it in space #s 23, 38 and 52.
5. Turn right and walk towards the fort. Stop at the sign at the doorway. If the fort is open and you have time, go inside and explore.

After you return, read the sign. Where did the granite for the fort come from? _____ (nine letters) _____ (five letters). Take the first letter of the first word in this name and write it in space #s 21, 36 and 56.

6. The sign says that the fort was built between 1839 and 1852 to protect what? ____ (three letters) _____ (six letters) _____ (six letters). Take the first letter of the third word in this name and write it in space #s 11, 13 and 28.
7. Now turn around. With your back towards the fort, walk to the gray building that says "Gift Shop." On that building is a sign for "The Barracks" where enlisted men stayed from the 1930s to 1907. Look at the photo from 1898 of the inside of the barracks. What does the sign say the bed frames were made of? ____ (four letters). Place the first letter of this word in space #s 25, 31 and 55.
8. What were the barracks converted into when the Coast Guard used Fort Trumbull? _____ (seven letters) Take the last letter of this word and write it in space #33.
9. The Coast Guard moved from Fort Trumbull to a new location north on the Thames River in what year? _____. Add the four numbers in the date together. ____ Take the first letter in the word for this new number _____ (seven letters) and write it in space #s 39 and 43.
10. Now walk to the front of the Visitors Center and find a welcome sign that reads, "Soldiers, Sailors, Scientists & Submarines." What vowel appears only once in these four names? ____ Write this letter in space #45.
11. Which of these four names begins with two consonants? _____ (10 letters). Write the second of these two letters in space #s 15 and 30.
12. Now turn and walk to the "Site Orientation Sign" in front of some benches. How many years of history are represented at Fort Trumbull? _____. Write out the two words for this number. ____ (three letters) _____ (seven letters). Take the first letter of the first word and put it in space #s 10, 12, 27 and 32.
13. This site was first used in the war called the _____ (eight letters) _____ (10 letters). Take the fifth letter in the second word and write it in space #s 1, 47 and 58.
14. Go to the main path closest to the fort and walk towards the river. This is the mouth of the Thames River, with Ledge Light marking the entrance. Find a set of benches overlooking the river. How many benches are there? _____. Write out the word for this number _____ (five letters). Find the vowel that appears twice in this word and put it in space #s 6, 8, 14, 24, 29, 37, 48 and 51.
15. Now look at the side of the fort facing the river. There are five wall surfaces, three facing straight ahead, the two at an angle. How many windows do you count in these five walls? _____. Write

out the word for this number _____. (eight letters) Write the fourth letter of this word in space #s 41 and 46.

16. Turn around and look for the cannons and read the sign that says "South Battery." What is the name of the low wall of earth and granite that protected the gun crews? _____ (seven letters). Write the vowel that appears twice in this word in space #s 9, 16, 22, 35, 42, 53 and 57.

17. Look at the wall behind the cannons. It is made of four different types of materials: natural rock, concrete, cut stone and manmade blocks made of clay called _____ (six letters). Take the fifth letter of this word and put it in space # 4.

18. Look at the cannons. Find the seven-letter name of the city where one of the cannons was made that ends in a vowel. _____ Write this vowel in space #s 2, 3, 19, 40 and 44.

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