

Virtual Dig

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Grant Park Conservancy, PO Box 89189, Atlanta, GA 30312

1. Grant Park takes its name from?

- a. Ulysses S. Grant
- b. Bitsy Grant
- c. Lemuel P. Grant

2. The park was established through the gift of 100 acres of land. What year was the park established?

- a. 1883
- b. 1903
- c. 1925

3. In 1863, the Confederate states commissioned the design and construction of defensive fortifications around the city to protect it from Union attack. Who was the Civil Engineer assigned to do the work?

- a. Ashley Wilkes
- b. Col. L.P. Grant
- c. Beau "Buckshot" Inman

4. Old hand-painted post cards picture genteel scenes of gentlemen row-boating with their ladies on Lake Abana. Where does the name "Abana" originate?

- a. Named after daughter of park designer.
- b. River outside Damascus, Syria; name interprets to "gathering of waters"; Biblical reference in 1 Kings.

c. Early Roman term for public gathering places where aqueducts conveyed water to lush gardens and public bathing areas

5. The world famous Atlanta Cyclorama calls Grant Park home. What year did the Cyclorama move to Grant Park and what is it?

- a. 1965, an indoor competitive cycling venue
- b. 1893, a painting and diorama depicting the Battle of Atlanta
- c. 1997, IMAX presentation of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games

6. In 2001, the Conservancy commissioned a feasibility study to determine steps needed and costs of restoration of two lovely fountains in the park. What firm conducted the study and what is the cost of basic restoration identified in the study?

- a. Atlanta Preservation Center set a price tag of \$750,000
- b. Surber Barber Choate & Hertlein set a price tag of \$310,000
- c. G.V. Gress & Company set a price tag of \$462,800

7. The Conservancy moved 77 large trees to the park in a unique project that garnered a good bit of media attention. Where did the trees come from?

- a. A tree farm in South Georgia owned/operated by Richard Betts of the Allman Brothers Band.
- b. Office parks and residential areas scheduled for demolition during the construction of the 5th Runway at Hartsfield/Jackson International Airport.
- c. The grounds of the old state capital building in Milledgeville, GA.

8. During construction of a storm water retention pond in 2003, water began to fill the pond from an unknown source. A bit of research revealed:

- a. Bulldozers his an abandoned water pipe.
- b. An antiquated sprinkler system installed sometime in the 1950s.
- c. Workers had uncovered one of the original natural springs, known as Salaam Spring.

9. The Judge John Erskine Memorial Fountain was moved to Grant Park from its original location at the intersection of Peachtree and West Peachtree Streets in downtown Atlanta. Who was Judge Erskine and in what year did the fountain move to Grant Park?

- a. Early mayor of the city; fountain moved to Grant Park in 1840,
- b. Federal District Court Judge (1868-1883); fountain moved to Grant Park 1912.
- c. State of Georgia Supreme Court Justice; fountain moved to Grant Park in 1948.

10. The artist/sculptor commissioned to design and install the Erskine Memorial Fountain was?

- a. J. Massey Rhind
- b. Porter King
- c. Mrs. Willard P. Ward

11. Defensive fortifications built to protect the city in 1863 are mostly gone. However, one of the last remaining earthen forts or “redans” remains in Grant Park. The fort is named after?

- a. General McPherson, a Union officer killed in the Battle of Atlanta 1864 – Ft. McPherson.
- b. Major Sydney Root; Confederate officer and first Superintendent of Parks in the city – Ft. Sydney Root
- c. General William H.T. Walker, Confederate officer killed in the Battle of Atlanta in 1864 – Ft. Walker

12. A bronze bust atop a granite pedestal honors Thomas Wilson Talbot. Who was Talbot?

- a. Federal Judge assigned to the Georgia District Court during the very contentious Reconstruction period.
- b. Civil Engineer and Surveyor who produced the first topographical maps of Grant Park.

c. Founder and President of International Association of Machinists (IAM) 1888.

13. A distinctive two sided art deco fountain, installed in 1927, is located on Cherokee Avenue at Milledge Avenue. What was the architectural firm responsible for its design and installation?

- a. Surber Barber Choate & Hertlein
- b. Chosewood, White, Root & Breckh
- c. Edwards & Sayward

14. In the early years of the park, visitors could stroll the many trails and carriage drives. The driving trails carried the names of?

- a. Large tree species found in the park – Elm, Poplar, Magnolia, Pine, White Oak, Red Oak
- b. Primary cities in Georgia – Savannah, Augusta, Macon, Milledgeville, Americus, etc.
- c. Daughters of prominent business leaders in the city – Abigail (Hurt), Ester Ruth (Inman), Victoria (Broyles), etc.

15. City fathers commissioned a famous landscape design firm to create the first development plan for Grant Park. What was the name of the firm?

- a. Calvert Vaux & Company
- b. Burnham & Root Design
- c. Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects

16. In August each year the Conservancy produces and hosts a two day event filled with art, music, food, and more. The event is called?

- a. Atlanta Jazz Festival in Grant Park
- b. Grant Park End of Summer Festival
- c. Grant Park Summer Shade Festival

17. The Conservancy designs and coordinates work projects for volunteer groups as a way to engage people in the care and maintenance of their park. Since forming in 1999, the Conservancy has coordinated work project activities for (how many) volunteers?

- a. 850
- b. 2500
- c. 18,000+

18. Tree plantings in the park focus on native species. Which list most accurately lists approved plantings for the park?

- a. White Pine, Ginko, Dogwood, Cottonwood, Walnut
- b. Sweet Bay Magnolia, Bald Cypress, White Oak, Red Maple, Tulip Poplar
- c. Redwood, Ponderosa Pine, Aspen, Green Ash, Catalpa

19. Before they were diverted into underground storm water pipes in 1903, abundant springs flowed through the park and into a Lake Abana. The five springs in the park were named?

- a. Constitution, Salaam, Bethesda, Sulphur and one not named
- b. Clear, Cold Water, Abana, Constitution, Mineral
- c. Eternal, Heavenly, Glorious, Deep, Mims

20. In May 2010, Atlanta's oldest park celebrates its birthday. What birthday will Grant Park celebrate?

- a. 127
- b. 125
- c. 150

21. In 1886, the Singer Sewing Machine Company of Atlanta sponsored a huge event in Grant Park. It was said to be the largest crowd assembled in the city's history. The event featured?

- a. Harry Houdini and his daring escape, while chained, from a canvas bag sewn closed on all sides prior to being lowered into the lake.
- b. A re-creation of the Battle of Atlanta with authentic uniforms sewn by local women on Singer sewing machines (the skill of the ladies of the local Daughters of the Confederacy created the uniforms for 200 gentleman re-enactors)
- c. Professor Leon and his lovely wife. He entertained the crowd by tight-rope walking across the lake while she demonstrated her sewing skills while on a raised platform over the lake.

22. In 1936, the Work Progress Administration (WPA), a program of FDR's recovery plan to lead the nation out of the Great Depression, completed a public works project in Grant Park. What project was completed?

- a. Diorama installed in the Cyclorama to give a 3-D effect of the painting.
- b. Observation tower constructed on the highest point in the park.
- c. A bulkhead was installed in the lake to divide it in half to create a public swimming area.

23. In 1999, roadways in the park were closed to vehicular traffic, thus making the park a much more pedestrian friendly environment. Joggers, walkers, cyclists, strollers, kids at play, etc. can now enjoy the park without having to compete with traffic, speeding vehicles, noise and fumes. What organization advocated for the closure and on what basis?

- a. MARTA requested the change based on the difficulty of bus movement through the park.
- b. Atlanta Police Department requested the change based on the lack of parking ordinances governing streets in parks.
- c. Grant Park Conservancy requested and advocated for the change based on recommendations included in the city commissioned master plan for Grant Park.

24. Birders have identified many types of birds that either live in the park, visit on a seasonal basis or have strayed from traditional migration routes and passed through the park. How many bird types have birders recorded in Grant Park?

- a. 112
- b. 25
- c. 89

25. The Conservancy created and produced a new annual event held in December 2009. The 3-day event is based on the Christkindl markets held across Europe. What is the name of this new event?

- a. Ye Olde Tyme Christmas
- b. December in the Park
- c. Holiday Lights and Market

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Thank you for taking part in our Virtual Dig. Now that you know more about Atlanta's oldest public park, we hope you will consider membership, joining us for one of our First Saturday Work Days, participating in a walking tour, attending the Summer Shade Festival, and more.