

Discover



San Mateo
County
in the 1910s

Credits

Courthouse Centennial 1910-2010

In 1910, San Mateo County celebrated the completion of a new Courthouse. Home to all county government, its beautiful design compared favorably to any courthouse in California.

The 1910 Courthouse has been home to the San Mateo County History Museum since 1998. Throughout the centennial year, a variety of activities such as exhibits, family activity days, plays and publications have been planned to celebrate 100 years of history.

Discover San Mateo County in the 1910s is intended to encourage children of all ages to explore what life was like when the Courthouse was new.



The floor mosaic in the 1910 Courthouse features the Greek key. This geometric pattern was often painted on ancient Greek pottery.

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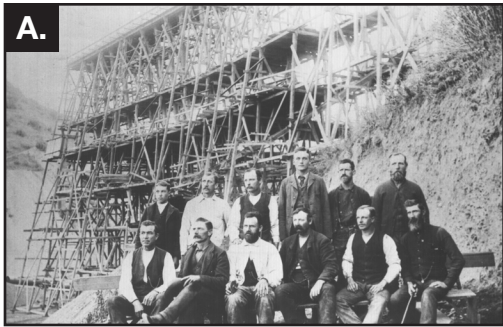
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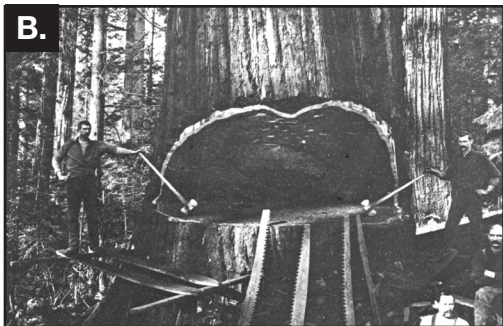
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Before the 1910s

People have lived on the Peninsula for thousands of years. Many special events have marked the last 250 years. Put the letter for each event in order on the timeline.



A.
The train brought supplies to build Crystal Springs Dam, the world's largest interlocking concrete brick dam.



B.
Redwoods were cut down to house people coming to California for the Gold Rush.



C.
Spanish explorers first see San Francisco Bay from Sweeny Ridge.

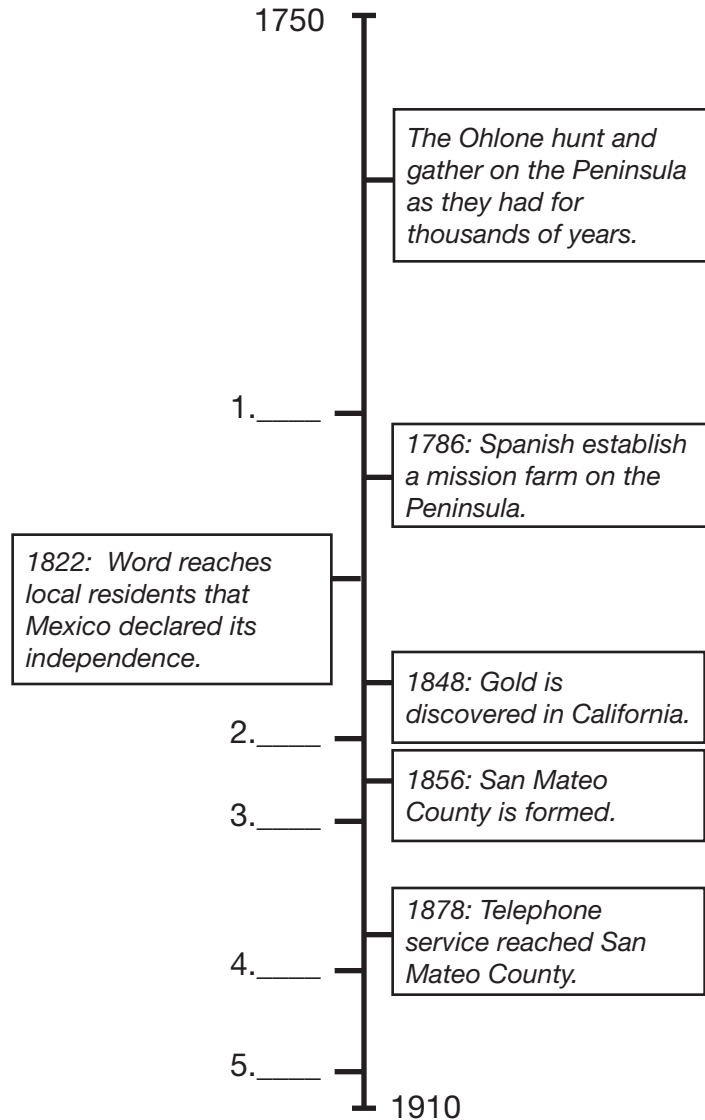


D.
California's first automobile meet visits Crystal Springs Dam in San Mateo.



E.
First commuter train on the West Coast connects San Francisco and San Jose.

What happened before 1910?



The Courthouse

Read the story about July 4, 1910. Then, find the underlined words from the story in the puzzle.

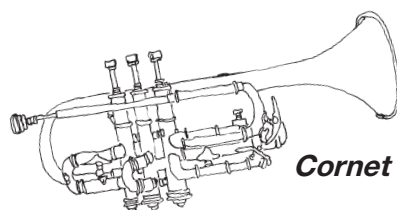
The newspaper called the July 4, 1910, celebration the greatest in the history of San Mateo County. Redwood City was decorated with flags and bunting or banners. People were celebrating the nation's independence and the dedication of the new Courthouse.

The grand parade in the morning stretched for nearly two miles. Featured in the parade was a battalion, or group of soldiers, from the California National Guard, four bands and floats.

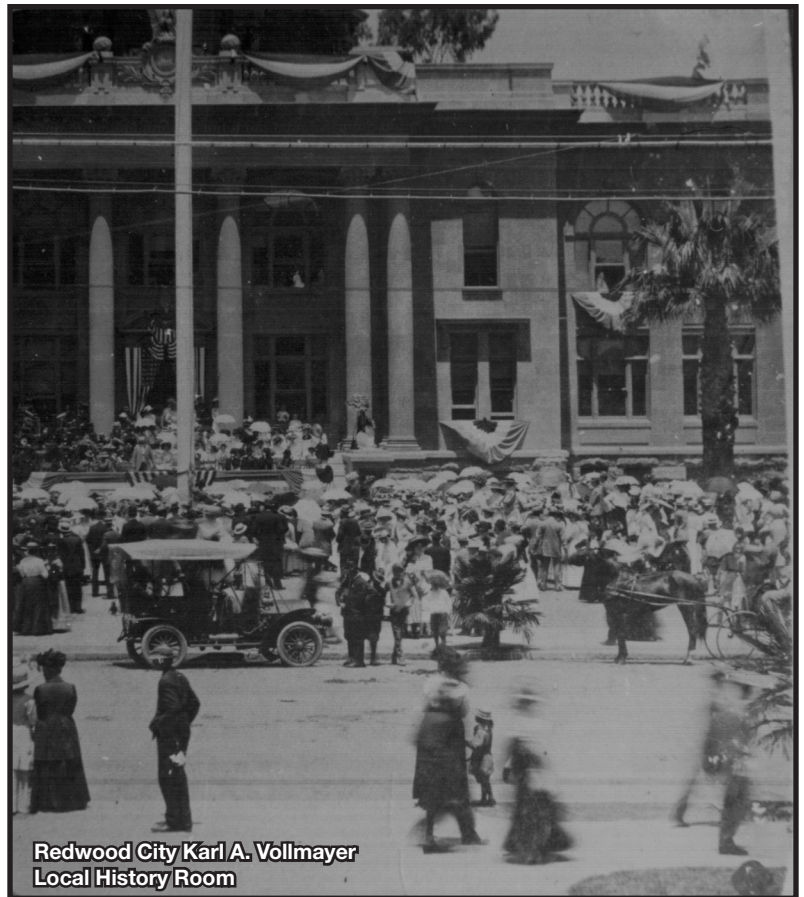
At the dedication ceremony for the Courthouse, a choir sang patriotic songs including Hail to Our Flag and a band played the Star Spangled Banner. There was even a cornet solo. There were also orations or speeches about the county.

There were athletic programs in the afternoon. The soldiers and firemen had drills to show their skills. The Redwood City and San Mateo baseball teams played a game.

That night, there was a grand dance. Thousands of electric lights outlined the dome of the new Courthouse.



Cornet



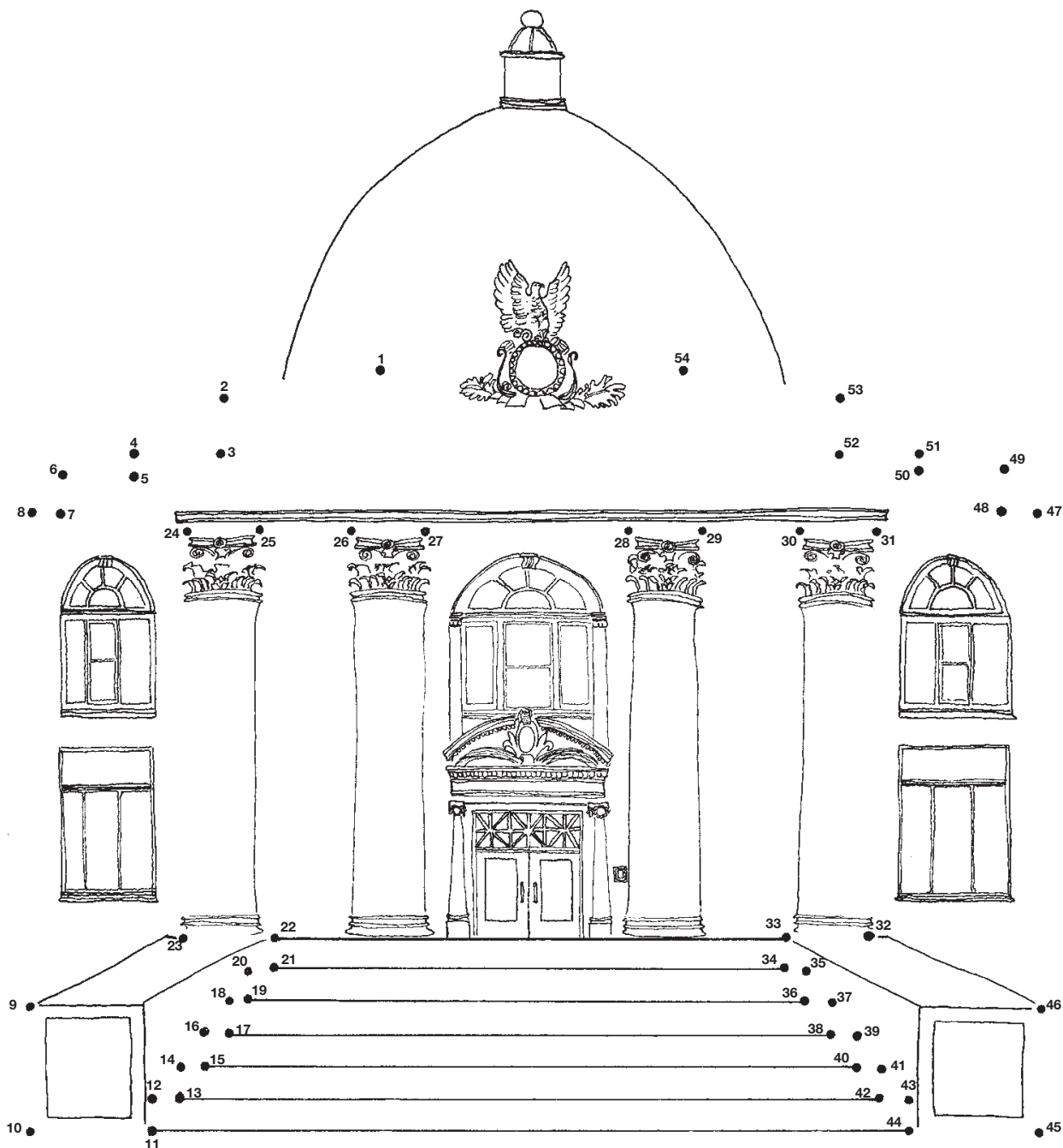
Redwood City Karl A. Vollmayer
Local History Room

July 4, 1910. Do you see the bunting on the Courthouse?

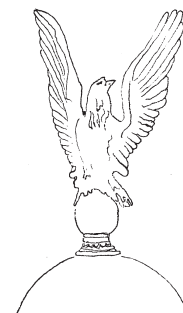
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The Courthouse

Connect the dots and discover what San Mateo County's 1910 Courthouse looked like.



The 1910 Courthouse has patriotic symbols throughout the building. In the dome, there are stained glass windows with the American flag. There are over 100 decorative eagles in the building on top of lights and columns. Do you see the eagle on the outside of the building?

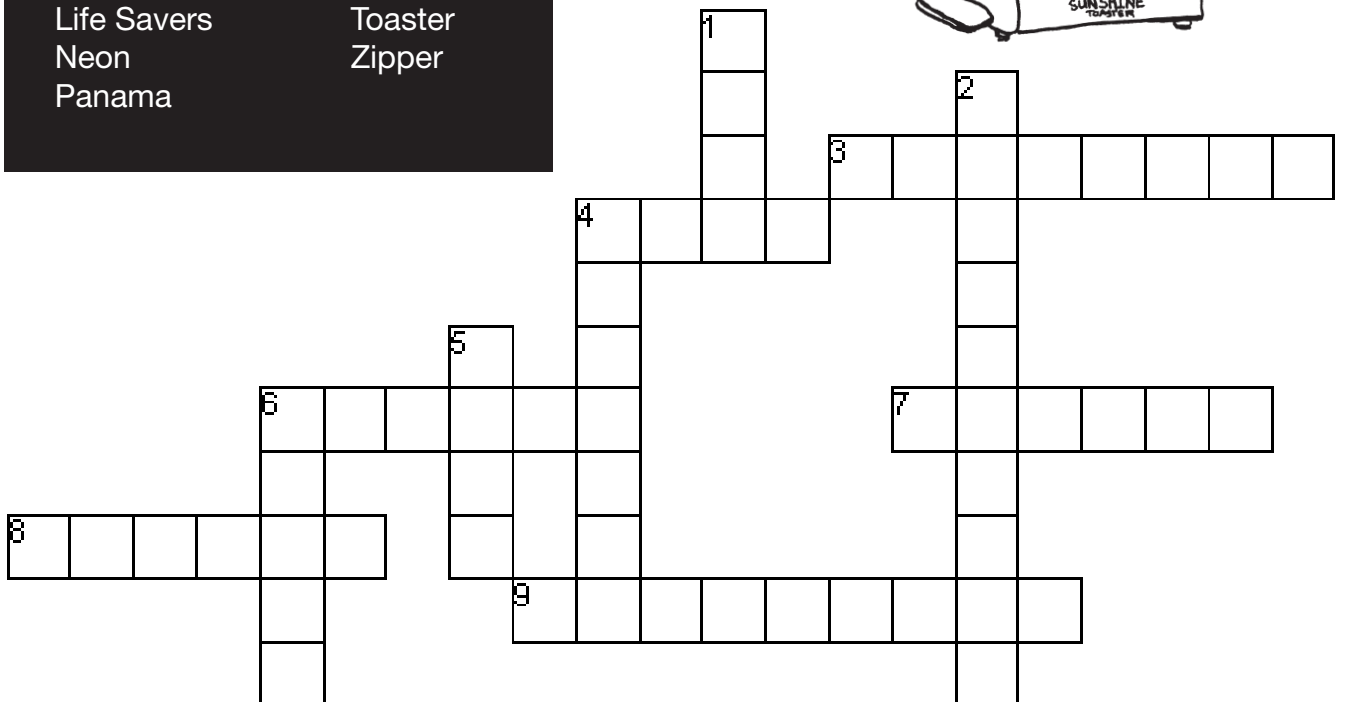
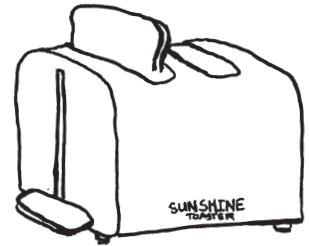


New in the 1910s

Use the word list and clues to finish the crossword puzzle.

Word List

Aviation	Scouts
Crossword	Steel
Jury	Tank
Life Savers	Toaster
Neon	Zipper
Panama	



Across

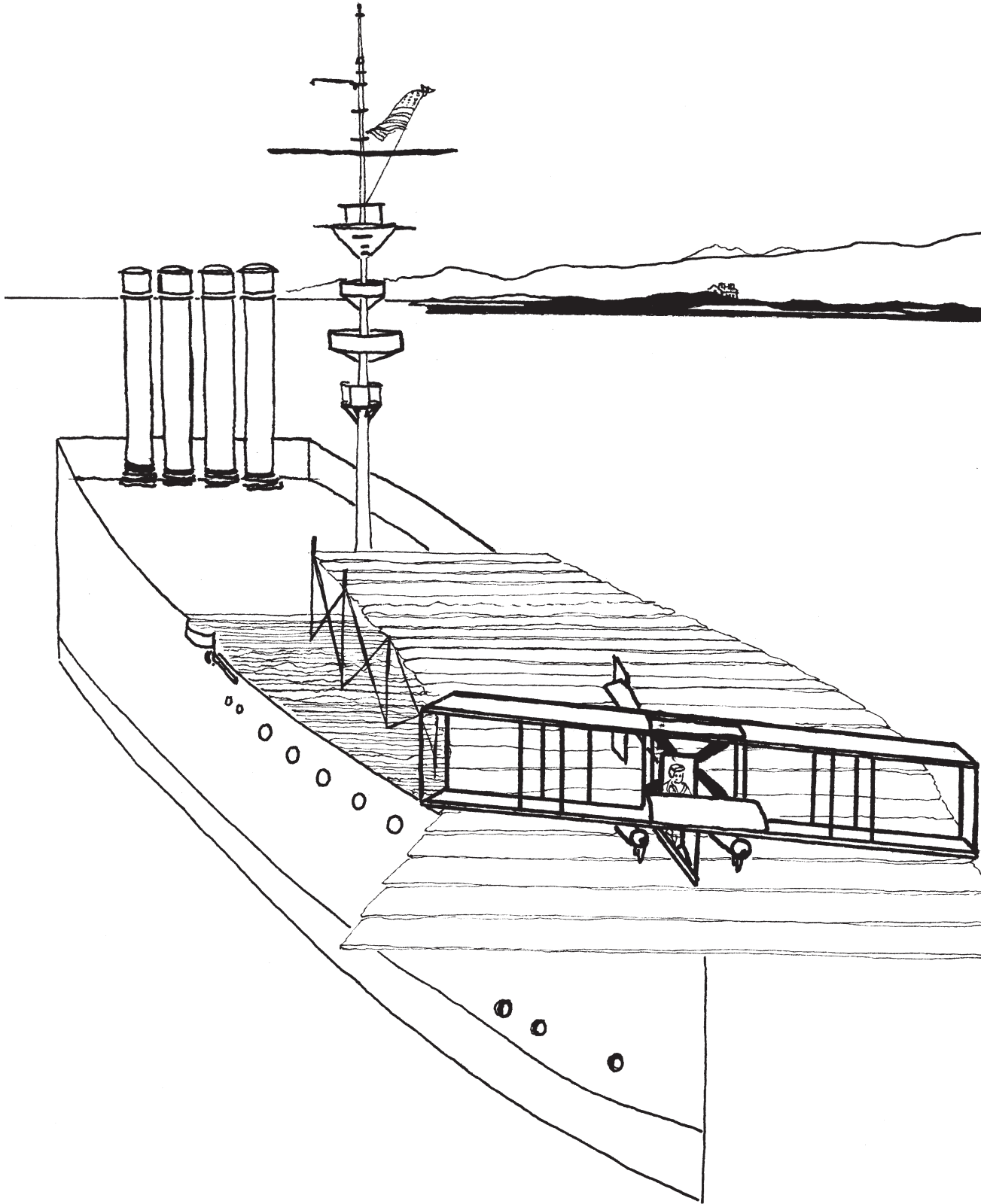
3. In 1916, near San Carlos, the army opened its first ____ facility to train soldiers in airplanes.
4. In 1912, this was a new machine for the military.
6. In 1910, a new organization for boys
7. In 1914, this new canal opened making a ship voyage to California easier.
8. In 1913, a modern version of this was invented to hold clothes together.
9. In 1913, a new type of word puzzle was introduced.

Down

1. In 1910, this was a new kind of lamp. started in the United States.
2. In 1912, this new candy was introduced. It looked like a life preserver.
4. In 1919, it became easier to make breakfast when a pop-up version of this is invented.
5. In 1911, the first all-women ____ to serve in California happened in a San Mateo County courtroom.
6. In 1913, *Uplands II* was the first mansion in Hillsborough to be built with concrete supported by this material.

New in the 1910s

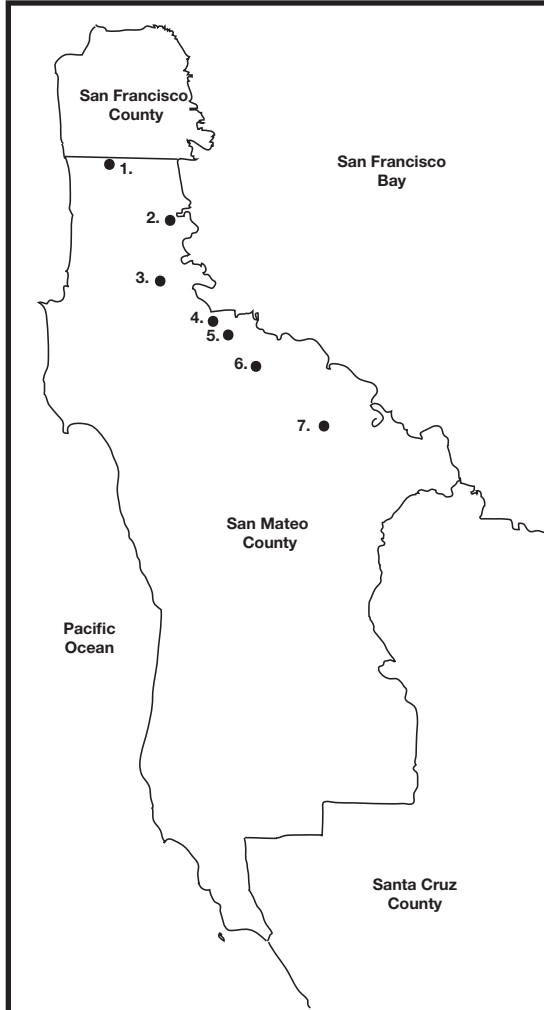
Color the Picture.



In 1911, a plane took off from Tanforan Race Track and made the world's first aircraft carrier landing on the *U.S.S. Pennsylvania*. After landing, it took off and flew back to Tanforan Race Track.

Towns

Unscramble the town name and place the letter of the description in the blank.



During the 1910s, the number of incorporated towns in San Mateo County almost doubled. Incorporated towns have their own elected officials.

Match the town descriptions to the names below.

- A. This town was named after the logging industry.
- B. A Spanish explorer named a local creek after this saint. The name was later used for this town and the county.
- C. Nicknamed the Industrial City, among this town's many industries was ship building.
- D. This town was named after diplomat Anson Burlingame who owned land on the Peninsula.
- E. People in neighboring Burlingame called residents of this town "hill people."
- F. This town was named after dairy farmer John Daly who provided milk to nearby San Francisco.
- G. Some think that Spanish explorer Bruno Heceta name the area of this town after his patron saint.

1. ___ DYLA CTIY

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2. ___ USTOH NAS FCNSRAOCI

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3. ___ SNA BRONU

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4. ___ BIGRAUNELM

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5. ___ ULILHBOORHSG

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6. ___ SNA MATOE

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7. ___ RWOODDE CYIT

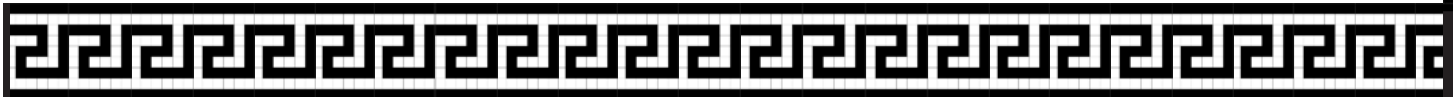
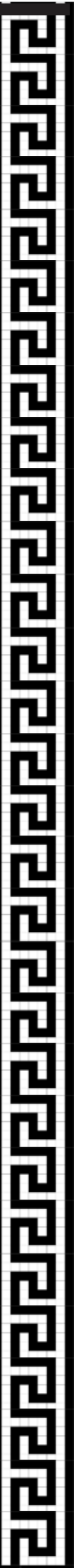
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Towns

Create a 1910 town newspaper. Place the newspaper name and town at the top. Look below for ideas of what to add to the columns.

Vol V	_____ , San Mateo County, California, Friday, March 3, 1911	No. 41

In the 1910s, many towns had their own newspapers such as the *Burlingame Advance*, the *Redwood City Democrat* and the *San Mateo Leader*. The newspapers included news, advertisements, legal notices, vacation announcements and fictional stories. Weddings and social events were front page news. There were few photographs, but some drawings in the advertisements.

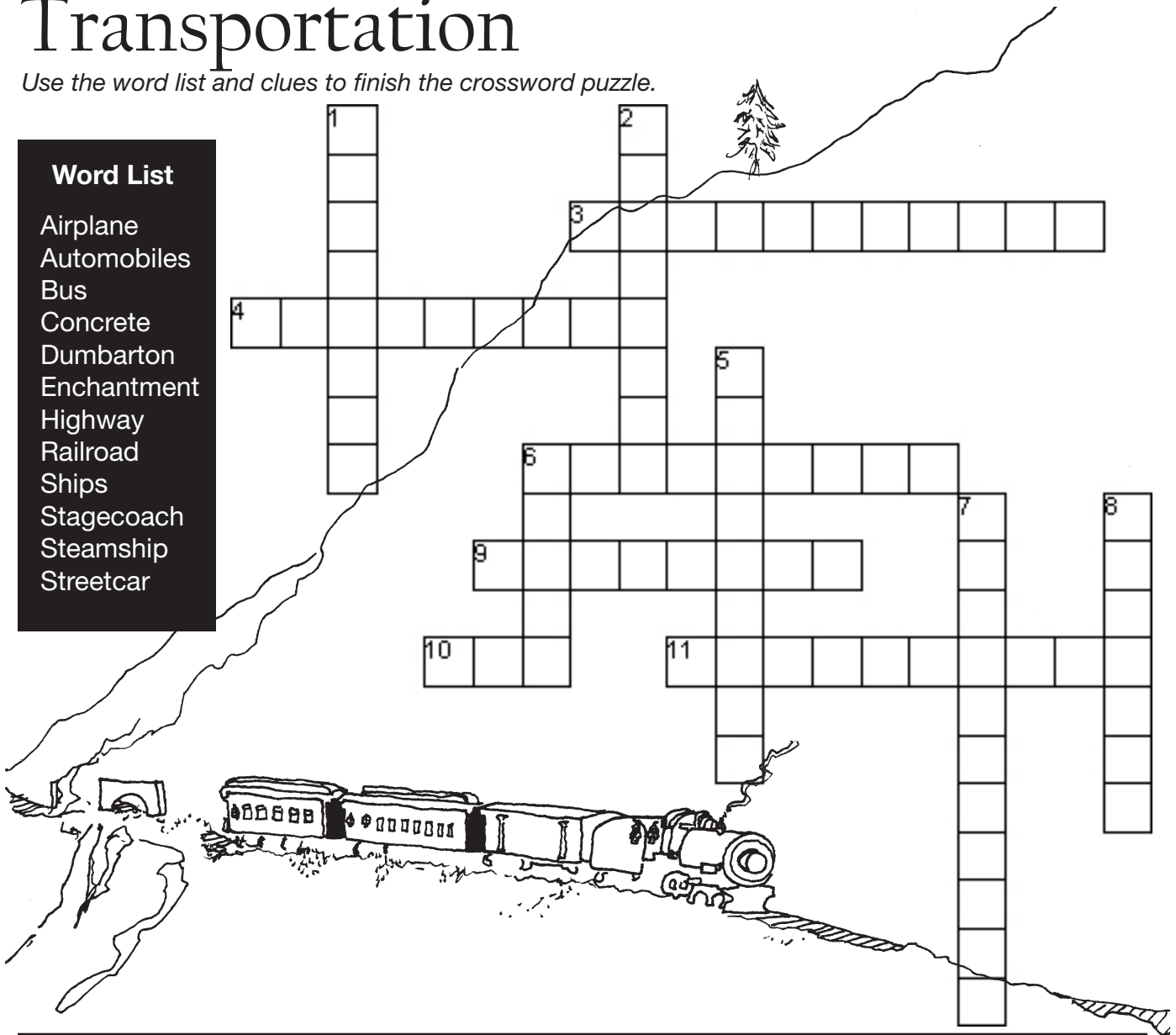


Transportation

Use the word list and clues to finish the crossword puzzle.

Word List

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Automobiles
Bus
Concrete
Dumbarton
Enchantment
Highway
Railroad
Ships
Stagecoach
Steamship
Streetcar



Across

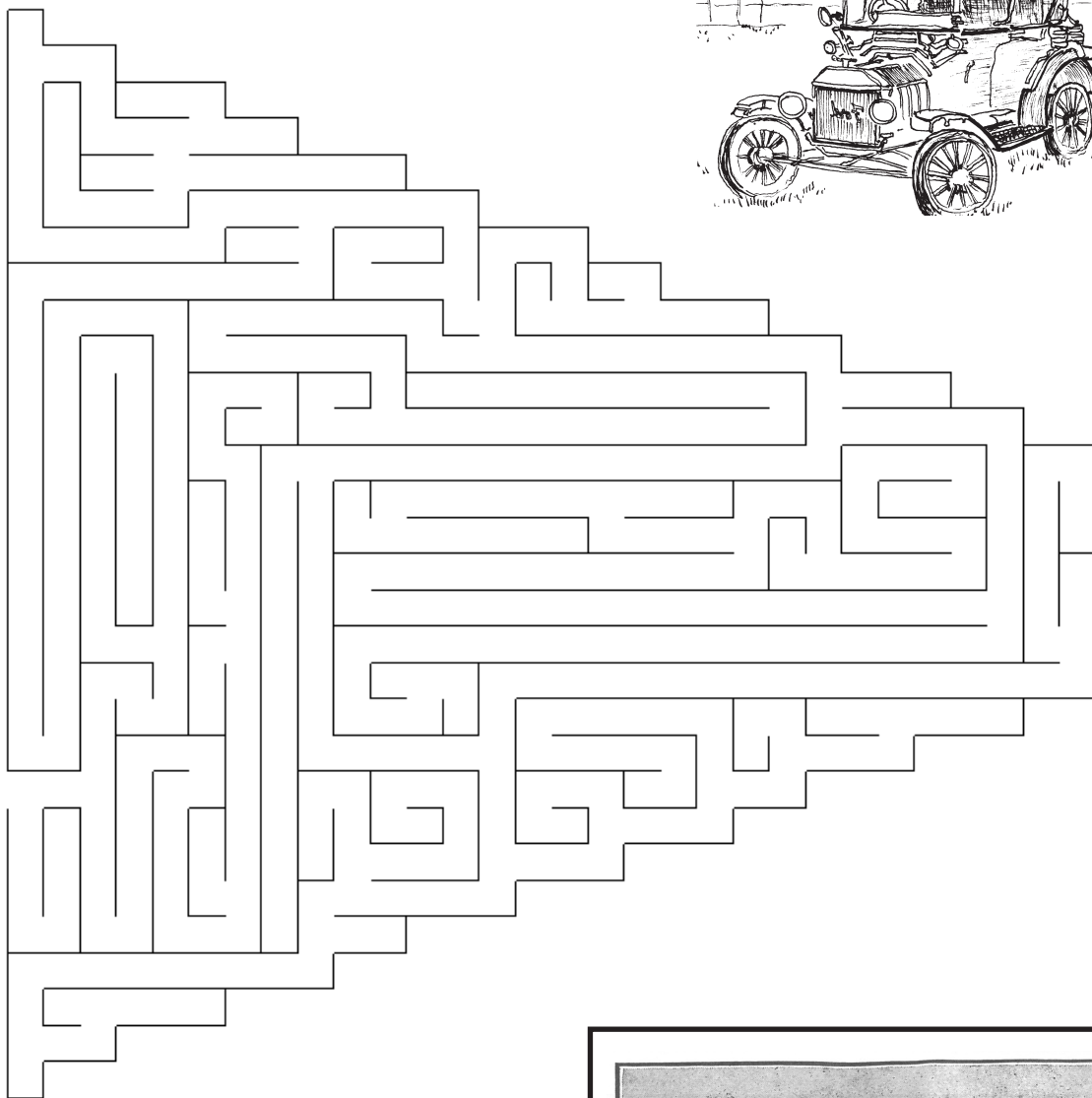
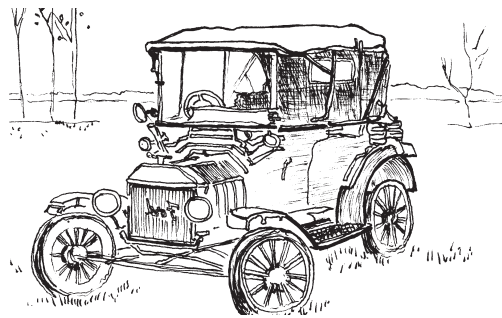
3. In 1916, the route from Woodside to La Honda though the redwoods opens. It is called the "Road of _____."
4. Powered by electricity, it ran from San Mateo to San Francisco.
6. The first one of these built in South San Francisco is launched in 1918.
9. This is first flown in San Mateo County at Tanforan Race Track in 1910.
10. Starting in 1915, Peninsula Rapid Transit operated this on El Camino Real.
11. In 1913, this stopped operating here.

Down

1. The Ocean Shore version of this (pictured) delivered mail to the Coastsides.
2. In 1918, the first steamship built in Redwood City of this material is launched.
5. In 1910, this bridge allowed train travel across the San Francisco Bay.
6. These were guided by the Point Montara lighthouse.
7. In the 1910s, many new roads were built for these vehicles.
8. In 1912, the first paved section of this in California started in San Bruno.

Transportation

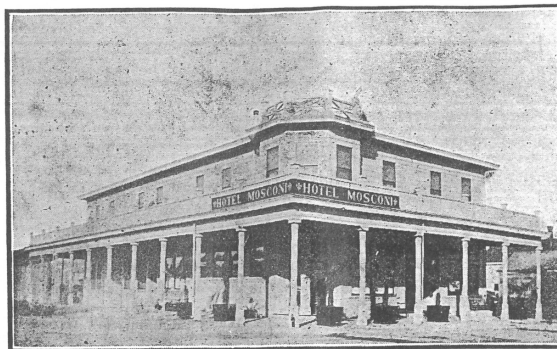
Help travelers find there way to a day at the ocean.



Start
in
Colma

Arrive
in
Half
Moon
Bay

In October 1915, a new 28-mile paved road opened from Colma to Half Moon Bay. Hundreds of cars traveled it opening day. Many people called it the most spectacular drive in the country. Coastside restaurants created special ads for automobile travelers.



HOTEL MOSCONI
HALFMOON BAY.

famous for its Italian dinners. Time your auto drive so as to reach Mosconi's at meal time.

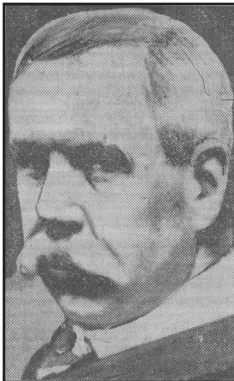
Home

Wealthy residents of San Mateo County built magnificent mansions during the 1910s. Match the people to the house. Write the letter of the house in the blank in front of the person's name.



___ **1. C. Templeton Crocker**

A grandson of railroad builder Charles Crocker, he built *Uplands II* as a wedding present for his wife. The house has many columns.



___ **2. William Bourn**

The president of the Spring Valley Water company, he built *Filoli* as a country home. The house was built of brick and stone. Gardens surround the house.



___ **3. Harriett Pullman Carolan**

She inherited a fortune from her father who built luxury railroad cars. A society lady, she wanted the grandest home in the area. Based on a French chateau, some of the rooms of the *Carolands* have round walls.



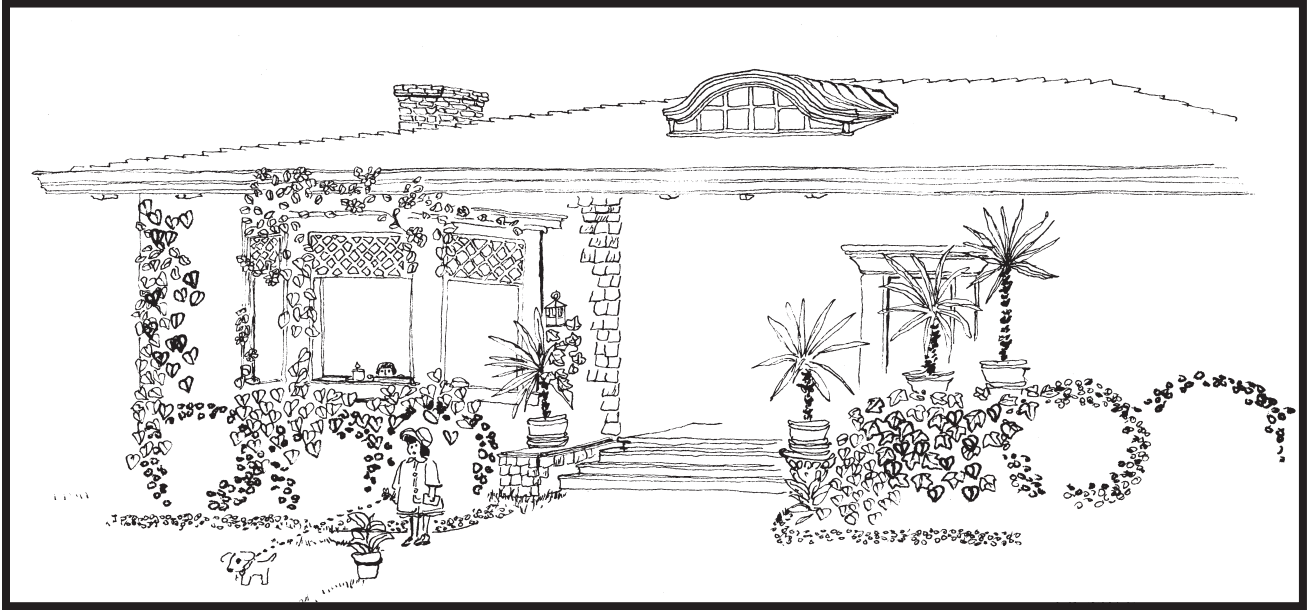
___ **4. Herbert Law**

With a fortune from patent medicines, he purchased property on the Peninsula to grow medicinal plants. His *Willow Brook Farm* was described as a Roman villa with a swimming pool in front.



Home

Unscramble the words below to discover items inside a middle-class home that used electricity by the end of the 1910s. Then, use the marked letters to discover the style of house popular in the 1910s.



What style of house? Color the picture and add a door.

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In the 1910s, many residents built this style of house.

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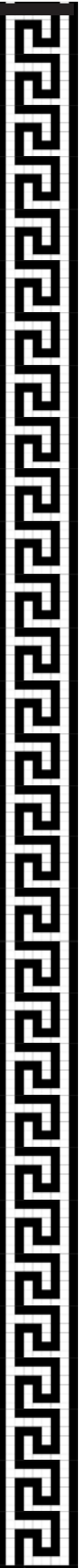
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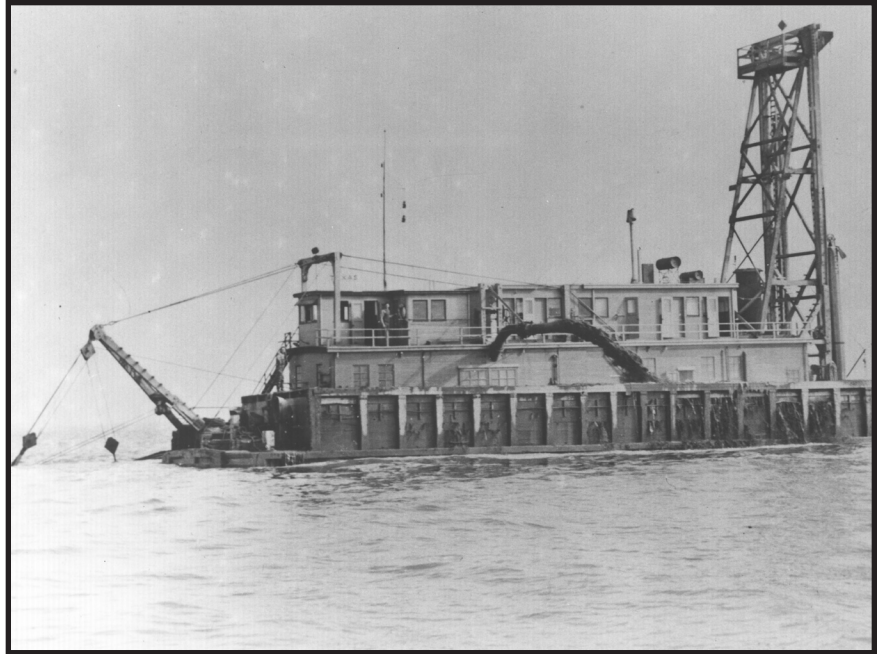
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Industries

Put the steps in order. Write the letter of the step in the blank.

in the 1910s, the Pacific Portland Cement Company in Redwood City was the only one of its kind to use ancient oyster shells to make cement.



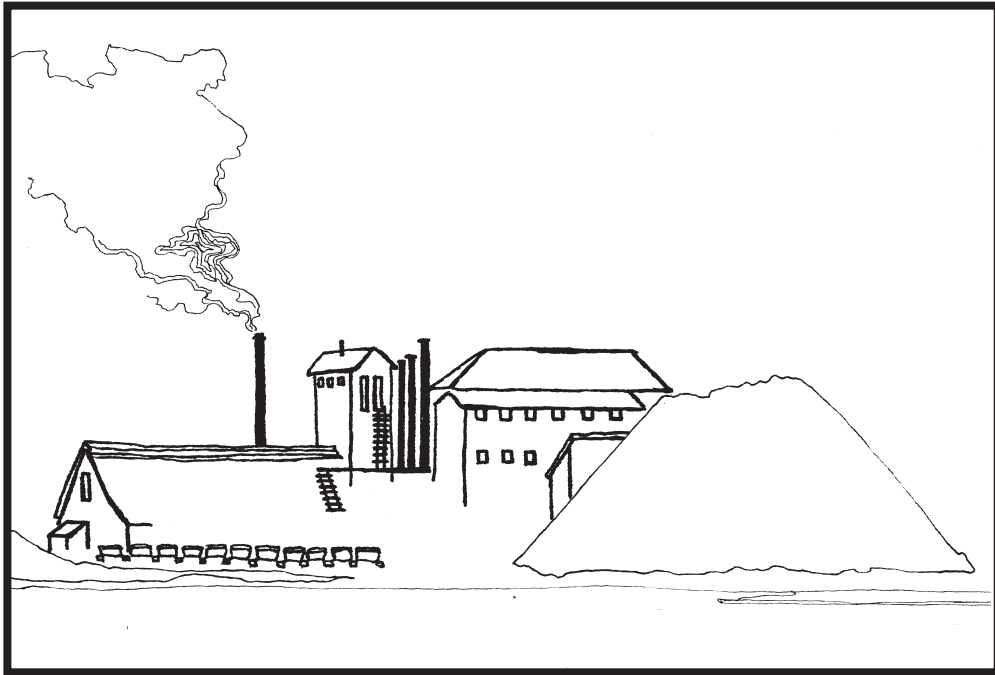
Making shells into houses

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

- A. Clinker is ground with gypsum. The powder is cement.
- B. A dredge (shown above) scoops ancient oyster shells and clay from the bottom of San Francisco Bay.
- C. Ground shells and mud are heated in a kiln to make clinker.
- D. Shells and mud are ground at the factory.
- E. Concrete is used to build a house.
- F. Cement is mixed with sand, gravel and water to make concrete.

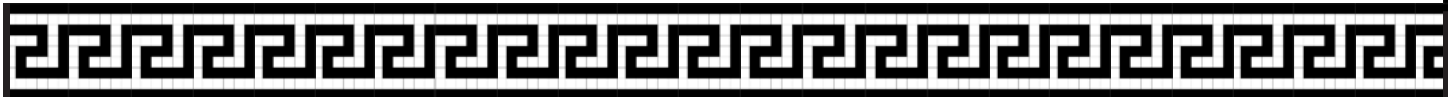
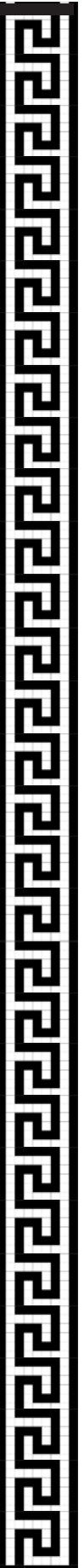
Industries

Color the picture. Then, use the code below to discover the message.



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 11 5 22 19 8 10 22 12 14 8 1

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Immigrants

Read the story. Then, find the underlined words from the story in the puzzle.

Many immigrants and children of immigrants started successful businesses in the area.

A.P. Giannini of San Mateo started the Bank of Italy. He encouraged everyone to save money. He opened branch banks in neighborhoods and small towns. By 1918, he had the first state-wide bank in California.

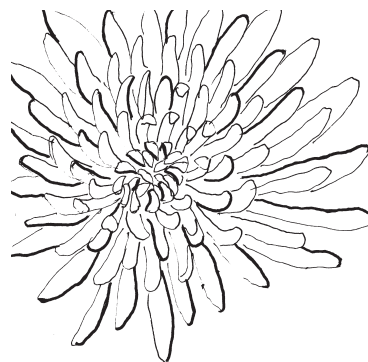
Sadaksu Enonomoto opened the first Japanese flower nursery in Redwood City. In 1915, he was the first flower grower to ship chrysanthemums out of state when he sent a carload to New Orleans.

Six brothers in the Lee family came from China to California to work on the transcontinental railroad. Later, they opened the San Mateo Laundry. In the 1910s, their nephew helped them run the family business.

A skilled carpenter, Robert Wisnom started a lumber and building company after leaving Ireland. By the 1910s, his sons operated Wisnom Hardware Store in San Mateo.

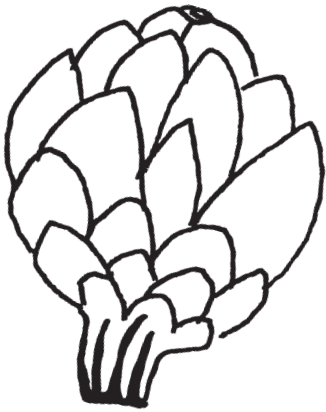


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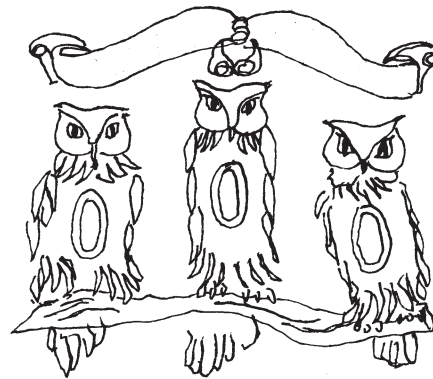
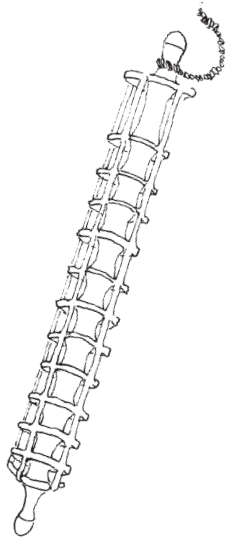


Immigrants

Color the pictures. Then, unscramble the words and place the letter of the description in the blank to learn about Italian-American life in San Mateo County



In the 1910s, Italians were the largest immigrant group to San Mateo County. By the end of the decade, one in ten residents of San Mateo County had been born in Italy.



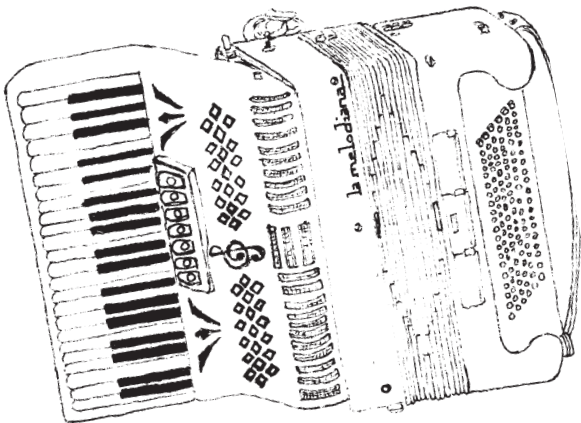
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3. ___ IKRAETECH

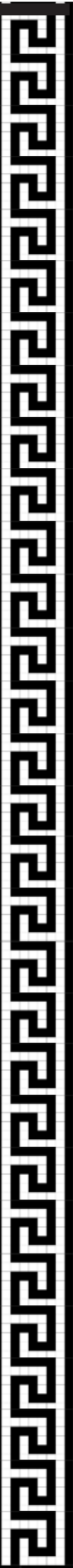
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4. ___ SLOW

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Match the descriptions to the words above.

- A. Italian farmers introduced this crop to California.
- B. The local Italian social club was named after this bird.
- C. This was used to make music at celebrations.
- D. A special roller was used to make this kind of pasta.



Leisure

Read the story. Then, find the underlined words from the story in the puzzle.

People from around the world visited San Francisco during the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition or fair. Using the new paved roads, visitors were encouraged to take day trips by automobile to see San Mateo County's natural wonders.

Baseball continued to be a favorite sport. Towns had their own teams. In 1910, local businesses donated materials to build Redwood City's new baseball field.

More people went to the movies. Burlingame's Photoplay Theatre, completed in 1913, seated 500 people. The films they watched were silent. In 1915, locals might even be able to see movies being filmed at San Mateo's Liberty-Banner Studios.

In the 1910s, wealthy residents built the Menlo Country Club and the Beresford Country Club. Both had a golf course and a swimming pool. People also liked to ride their horses and play polo at the country clubs.

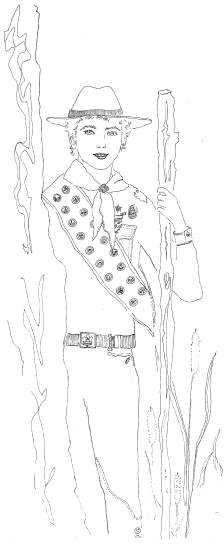


Ocean Coast. A.G.C. Hahn took this picture of one of San Mateo County's natural wonders for the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

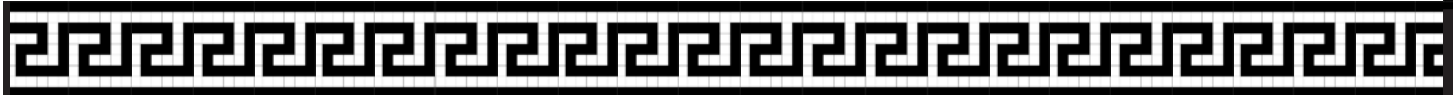
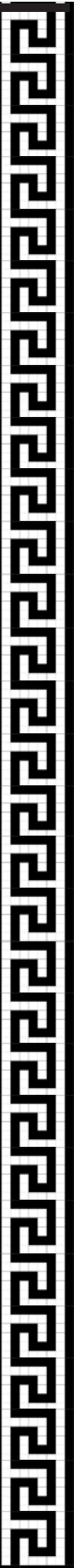
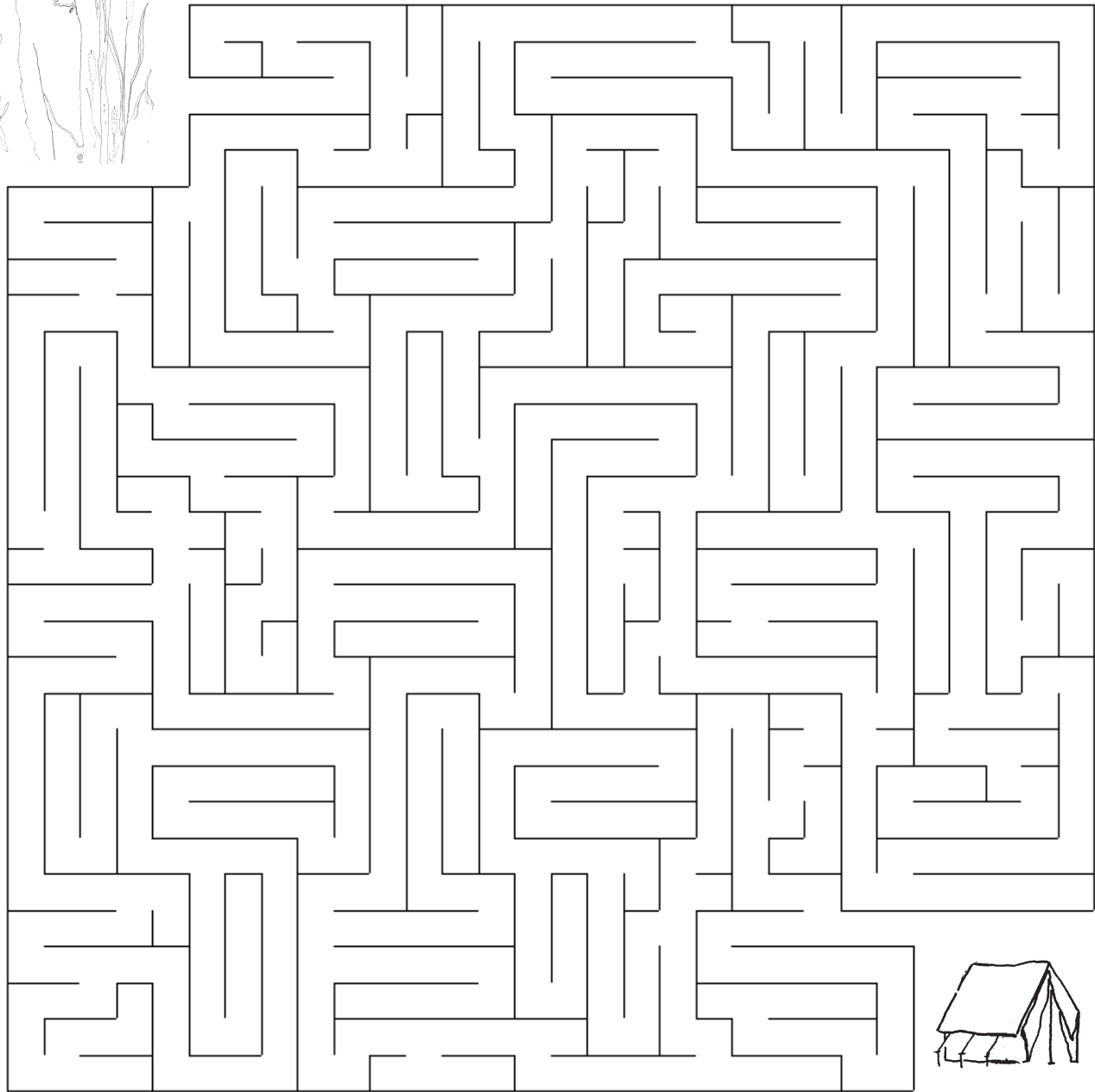
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Scouting

Help the Scout find his way to camp.

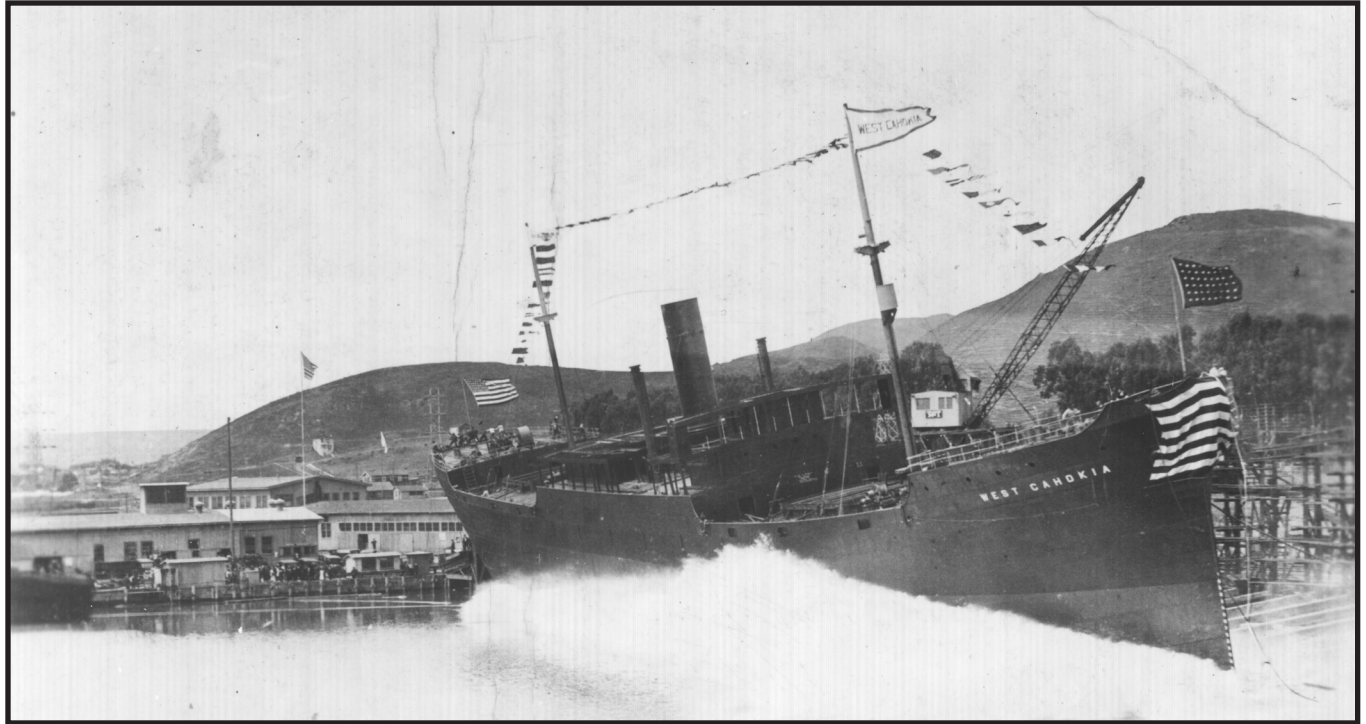


Boy Scouts of America started in 1910. Girl Scouts began in 1912. From the beginning, outdoor activities were important to both scouting groups. In 1910, Boy Scout Troop 1 Burlingame took a camping trip to Purissima Canyon.



World War I

Use the code below to discover the message.



What was made in the county for the war effort?

19 14 15 20 14 6 21 3 13 25 26 20 11 5 20 11 1 19 14

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	23	8	26	15	5	7	14	6	24	16	22	17	9	11	21	2	25	20	19	1	10	4	12	3	18

World War I

Color the picture. Add more soldiers to the drawing.



43,000 Army recruits trained at Camp Fremont in Menlo Park.

After the 1910s

After the 1910s, the courthouse building has changed many times. Put the pictures in order.



People can relax in Courthouse Square.



Building an addition in front.

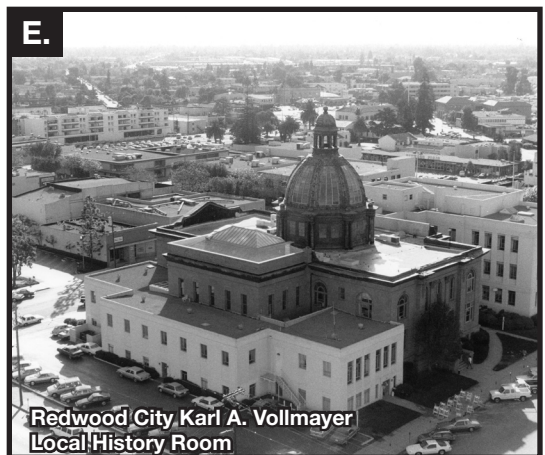


See the dome behind the first addition?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Tearing down the front addition.



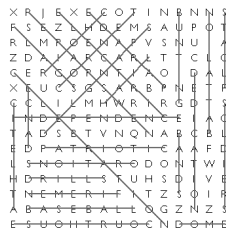
Courthouse with front and back additions.

Answer Key

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1. C
2. B
3. E
4. A
5. D

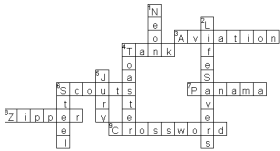
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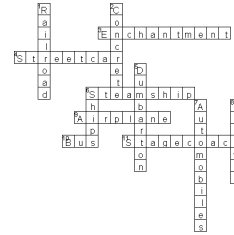
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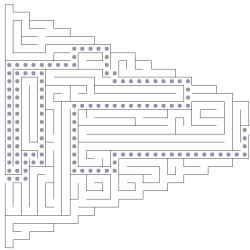
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1. F, Daly City
2. C, South San Francisco
3. G, San Bruno
4. D, Burlingame
5. E, Hillsborough
6. B, San Mateo
7. A, Redwood City

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1. C
2. D
3. B
4. A

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1. Vacuum
 2. Stove
 3. Toaster
 4. Washing Machine
 5. Doorbell
 6. Iron
 7. Refrigerator
- Style: Bungalow

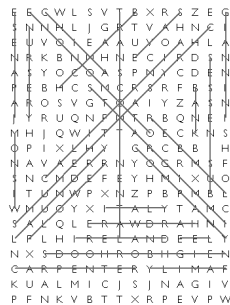
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1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. F
6. E

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 PRODUCED SALT BY SOLAR
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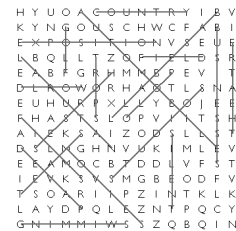
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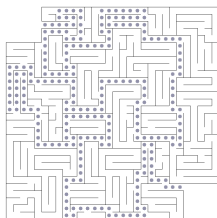
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1. C, Accordion
2. D, Ravioli
3. A, Artichoke
4. B, Owls

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THE SHIPYARDS OF SOUTH
 19 14 15 20 14 6 21 3 13 25 26 20 11 5 20 11 1 19 14
 SAN FRANCISCO BUILT CARGO
 20 13 9 5 25 13 9 8 6 20 8 11 23 1 6 22 19 8 13 25 7 11
 SHIPS FOR THE WAR EFFORT
 20 14 6 21 20 5 11 25 19 14 15 4 13 25 15 5 5 11 25 19

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1. B
2. C
3. E
4. D
5. A

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