

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
National Historic Site

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

National Capital Parks-East
Washington, DC



Junior Ranger Activity Book

Ages 7—12

What's a Junior Ranger?

Junior rangers are very important to the National Park Service. They are young people, just like you, who help park rangers protect the national parks for future generations. A junior ranger learns about their national parks and helps educate others. Junior rangers also set a good example to other visitors and inspire others to learn about the national parks.

How to Become a Junior Ranger?

Complete at least seven activities in this junior ranger book. Some of the activities need to be completed at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. These activities are marked with a house in the top right corner of the page.



Once you have completed your activities, present your junior ranger book to a park ranger to receive your certificate and junior ranger badge. You can also mail your completed junior ranger book to:

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
National Historic Site
1318 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

Did you know?

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved legislation to create the National Park Service. The National Park Service is a government organization under the U.S. Department of the Interior. The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect America's natural and cultural resources for future generations.

Have you ever visited a National Park? If so, you've probably seen this symbol:



As you have already learned, the National Park Service protects America's natural and cultural resources. By looking at the National Park Service arrowhead, can you guess what some of those resources are?

Who was Mary McLeod Bethune?

Fill in the blanks from the word bank to complete Mrs. Bethune's biography.

Word Bank:

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|----------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| education | slaves | civil rights | Franklin Delano Roosevelt | 1955 |
| love | activist | Bethune-Cookman College | African Americans | |
| Reconstruction | equality | NCNW | National Park Service | |

Mary McLeod Bethune demonstrated the value of _____, a philosophy of universal _____, and the wise and consistent use of political power in striving for racial and gender _____.

The daughter of former _____, Bethune grew up amidst poverty and oppression in the _____ South, yet rose to prominence as an educator, presidential advisor, and political _____. Through her own schooling by missionaries in South Carolina, Bethune recognized the importance of education in the emerging struggle for _____. In 1904 she founded the Daytona Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls in Daytona Beach, Florida, which later merged with the Cookman Institute to become _____.

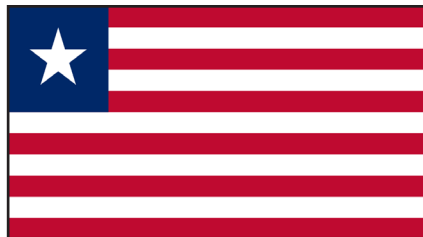
In 1935, Bethune moved to Washington, DC to work for President _____. While in Washington, she founded the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and established their headquarters at 1318 Vermont Avenue in 1943. Mary McLeod Bethune and the _____ worked tirelessly to influence legislation affecting _____ and women. Bethune continued to be an important voice for human rights until her death in _____ at the age of 79. Today, 1318 Vermont Avenue is a National Historic Site administered by the _____.

Around the World

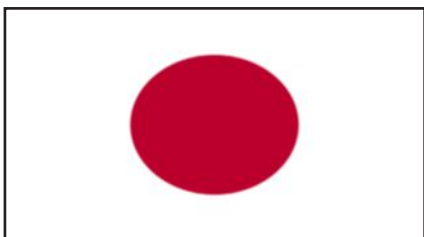
Match the correct letter to the flag.

Mary McLeod Bethune fought the injustices of racial and gender inequality not just in the United States, but around the world. The National Council of Negro Women worked with women from India, Japan, and countries in Africa and the Caribbean.













- A) India B) Haiti C) Jamaica D) Japan E) Canada F) Liberia

Word Search

Find the words below. Words can be forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal.

Adviser
Roosevelt
NCNW
Florida
Educator

Activist
Leader
Truman
Washington
Equality



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| L | E | C | T | C | L | S | A | G | C |
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Famous Women in History

Unscramble the names of these famous women.

Mary McLeod Bethune was a mentor and influenced many young women. She also had influences of her own. The women highlighted below made significant contributions to our society, so that we can have a better future.



Rosa Parks

1) OSRA AKPSR

2) NEREAOL LVOSEROTE



Dorothy Height

3) INEANN NEEHL SUGORUBHR

4) OHRDTOY EIHTGH



Mary Church Terrell



Mary McLeod Bethune

5) YMRA HUCRHC EERLTLR

6) AYMR DCOELM EHTBNUE



Maggie Walker



Charlotte Hawkins Brown

7) GGEIMA EKWALR

8) RTTCHLEOA WAKHINS RBNOW



Nannie Helen Burroughs



Eleanor Roosevelt

Acrostic Fun!

An acrostic poem uses the letters in a topic word to begin each line. Using the letters below, write words or phrases to describe Mary McLeod Bethune. Use what you've learned so far and your imagination. All answers are welcomed!

E _____

D _____

U _____

C _____

A _____

T _____

I _____

O _____

N _____



Mary McLeod Bethune with her students, Daytona Beach, FL, c. 1904.

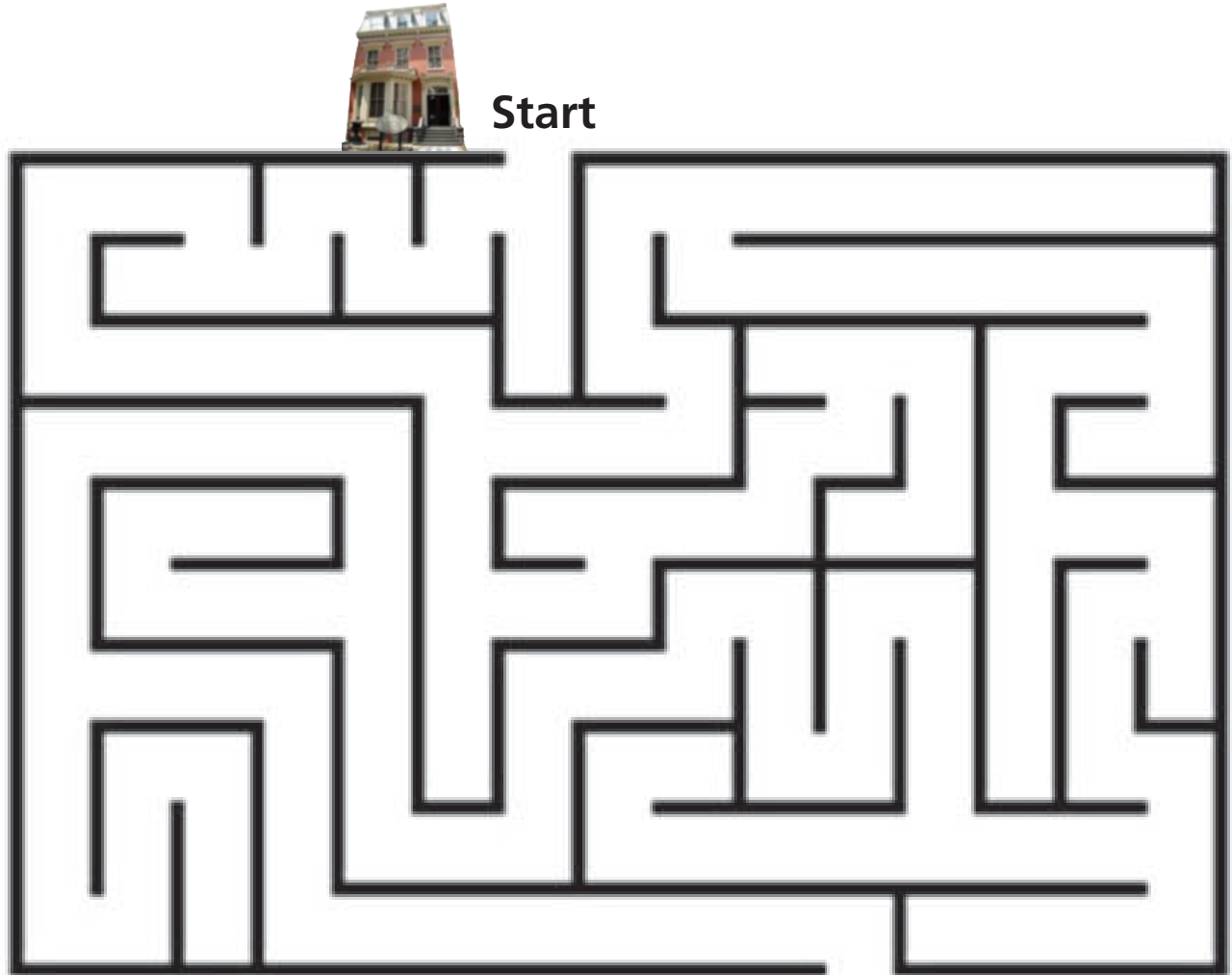


Mary McLeod Bethune's school became a fully accredited university in 2007.

Bethune in Washington, DC

While in Washington, DC, Mary McLeod Bethune was very busy with important meetings and appointments. She often visited the White House, gave speeches at the Department of Labor and the Willard Hotel, and met with dignitaries at the NCNW Headquarters.

Help Mary McLeod Bethune get to her important meeting at the White House by solving the maze below.



Finish



Bethune's Legacy Code

Decode the message below. Match the numbers to the letters and fill in the blanks.

Mary McLeod Bethune's legacy can be remembered at the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial in Lincoln Park, Washington, DC. Dedicated in 1974, it was the first memorial commemorating a woman and African American on DC public lands.

The etchings on the memorial include quotes from Mary McLeod Bethune's "Last Will and Testament."



The Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial,
Lincoln Park, Washington, DC.

"I leave you love;
I leave you hope;
I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another;
I leave you a thirst for education;
I leave you respect for the uses of power;
I leave you faith;
I leave you racial dignity;
I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow men;
I leave you, finally, a responsibility to our young people."

Bethune's Legacy Code:

A=26 H=19 O=12 V=5 B=25 I=18 P=11 W=4 C=24 J=17

Q=10 X=3 D=23 K=16 R=9 Y=2 E=22 L=15 S=8 Z=1 F=21

M=14 T=7 G=20 N=13 U=6

18 15 22 26 5 22 2 12 6 15 12 5 22

Scavenger Hunt



Look for the answers to the questions below by visiting the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. Listen to the Park Ranger. They will give you hints during the tour.

1. How many flags are on top of the piano? _____

2. What two rooms have fireplaces? _____

3. What was Mary's maiden name? _____

4. How many elephants can you find? _____



5. Where is the portrait of Mrs. Bethune? _____

6. Who was Bethune's famous friend and neighbor?



7. How many doors are in the Secretary's Office? _____

8. What pieces of technology are on Bethune's desk?



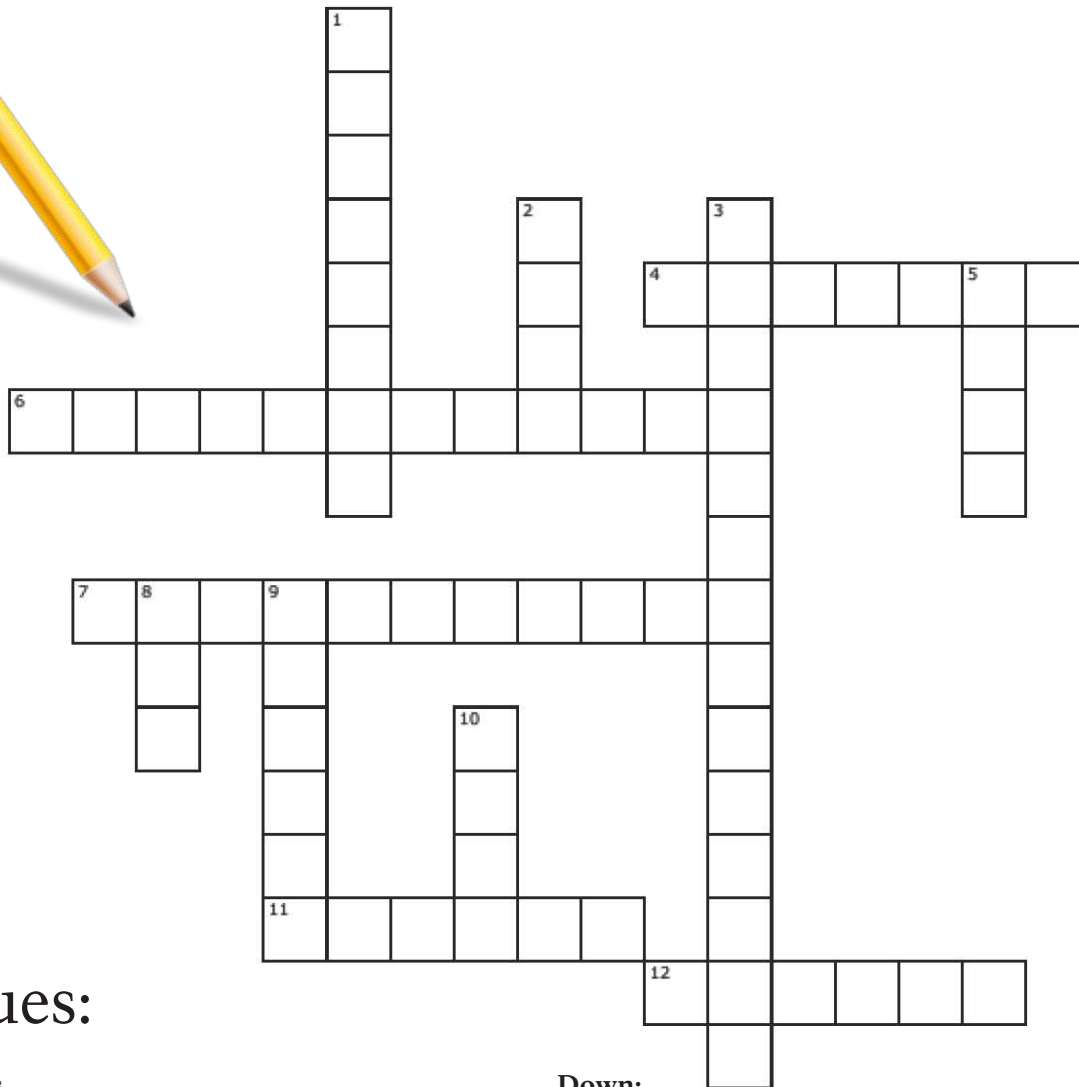
9. Name the two presidents Bethune worked for.

10. What is this building and where is it located?



Crossword Puzzle

Using the clues below, fill in the answers. Use a pencil to easily erase mistakes.



Clues:

Across

4. Name of the street where the Council House is located
6. City in Florida where Bethune founded her school
7. Name of the neighborhood where the Council House is located
11. Name of Bethune's husband
12. Name of the room where the NCNW entertained guests

Down:

1. What was Bethune's favorite animal?
2. How many girls were in the first class at Bethune's school?
3. Name of the University Bethune founded
5. The organization Bethune founded
8. How many children did Bethune have?
9. Where did Bethune want to be a missionary?
10. Bethune's middle name

Which Room is Which?



The NCNW Headquarters, affectionately known as the “Council House,” was a busy place with many rooms. Each room served a specific purpose and function. As you tour the house, pay attention to which room is which. Draw a line to match the name of the room with the picture.



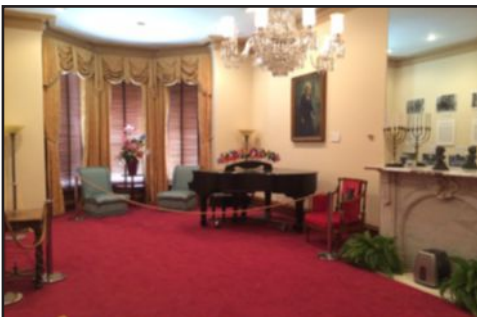
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Parlor



Secretary's
Office



Bethune's
Bedroom



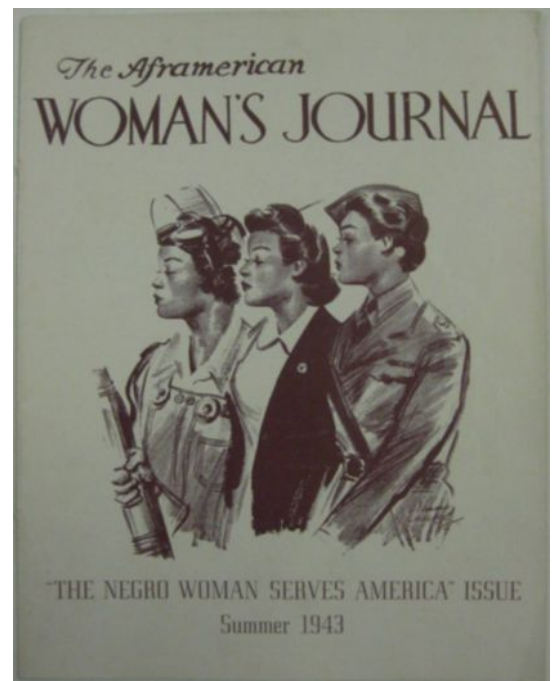
Bethune's
Office

The Opinion Column

We want to hear from you! Answer the questions below with your own thoughts.

In the spring of 1940, Mary McLeod Bethune's NCNW introduced the first issue of the "African American Woman's Journal." The quarterly magazine was edited by prominent NCNW member, Sue Bailey Thurman. The publication focused its attention on current events, important issues, and NCNW programming to help affect change in the lives of African American women in their struggle for civil rights.

What qualities are essential for being a great leader? _____



An issue of the "African American Woman's Journal," 1943.

What are some of your goals? How will you achieve those goals?



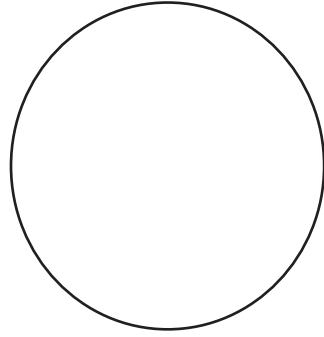
Congratulations!

You are an official Junior Ranger



This certifies that

pledges to explore, learn, and protect
America's National Parks.



Place Passport Stamp Here

Park Ranger Signature

Date

