



# Lewiston Brain Teasers

## How well do you do?

*Lewiston History Mysteries*



2. For the volume of water carried per mile, what is the largest river in the world?
- a. Amazon
  - b. Nile
  - c. Mississippi
  - d. Niagara

3. The first major battle of the War of 1812 was fought here and the Americans suffered a humiliating defeat against the British-Canadians. What was the name of the battle?
- a. Brock's Battle
  - b. The Battle of Queenston Heights
  - c. The Battle of Lewiston Heights
  - d. The Battle of the Lower Niagara



1. How many feet above sea level is Center Street in Lewiston? (Hint: the brink of Niagara Falls is 508 ft. above sea level.)

- a. 2,912
- b. 762
- c. 360
- d. 35



4. What was the name of the Native American nation that came to the rescue of Lewiston citizens in 1813 when the British invaded and burned Lewiston to the ground?
- a. Cayuga
  - b. Mohawk
  - c. Oneida
  - d. Tuscarora

5. What was the name of Lewiston's first supermarket? (Hint: It was located where Dollar General is today.)

- a. Tops
- b. A&P
- c. Loblaws
- d. Bells

6. In 1825, Lewiston had the finest hotel in the United States west of the Hudson. What was it called?

- a. The Western Hotel
- b. Borderland Inn
- c. Frontier Hotel
- d. Frontier House



7. Legend says the "cocktail" was invented in Lewiston. What was the name of the tavern (no longer standing) where it was invented that stood at 8th & Center Streets?

- a. Betty Flanagan's
- b. Hustler's
- c. Martini's
- d. Tryon's Folly



8. What language did Lewiston's first European settlers speak in the early 1700s?

- a. French
- b. English
- c. Dutch
- d. Danish

9. What is the name of the tall sailing ship in Lewiston that takes passengers on historic river cruises on summer weekends?

- a. Empire Sandy
- b. Mayflower II
- c. Black Pearl
- d. Niagara Breeze



10. What is the name of the new bronze monument on the river that honors the Underground Railroad?

- a. Tubman's Tunnel
- b. Lockport & Hamilton
- c. Freedom Crossing
- d. Bridge Across the Water

11. In 1842, John Fleming came from Ireland and settled in Lewiston. He built a tannery on Seneca Street, and then later built what building on Center Street that was used as a general store? He called it his "retirement" business.

- a. Orange Cat Cafe
- b. Apple Granny
- c. DiCamillo's Bakery
- d. First Niagara Bank

12. The newly renovated Lewiston Museum was built in 1835 and used to be a church. Where is it located?

- a. 469 Onondaga St.
- b. 469 Plain St.
- c. 469 Niagara St.
- d. 469 Ridge St.

(Give yourself a bonus point if you've visited the Museum.)



12. b  
11. b  
10. c  
9. c  
8. a  
7. b  
6. d  
5. c  
4. d  
3. b  
2. d  
1. c

### ANSWERS

#### How did you do?

- 1-4 right: You're a visitor. Welcome to Lewiston. We love having you!
- 5-9 right: Pretty good, neighbor! You must have worked up an appetite!
- 10-12 right: Time to quit your day job and become a tour guide!

#### Bonus Question!

- What's the best age to get your eyes checked?
- a. 0-24
  - b. 60-100
  - c. 25-59
  - d. all of the above



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Home of Freedom Crossing