



EARL SCRUGGS CENTER

MUSIC & STORIES FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTH



Hi there! Welcome to the Earl Scruggs Center's Virtual Field Trip. My name is Stephanie and I will guide you through the museum today. In our classroom, there are places to click to learn more information or watch videos on topics found in our galleries. To get started, click on me in the classroom for further instructions. As you answer the questions, solve the puzzle by copying the letter from the numbered spot in your answer to the same numbered spots in the puzzle. Answer all of the questions to solve the puzzle!

Solve the Puzzle!

In the early days of Cleveland County, special water was pumped to a well in downtown Shelby from a nearby spring. People came from all over to fill their containers with this "healthy" water. What kind of water was it?

_____ spring water

1. This instrument, made from a gourd, animal hide and more, is the predecessor of the modern "banjo." Which continent was this instrument originally from?

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2. How does a resonator change the sound of the banjo? _____
3. Find the picture of this man. The City of Shelby is named after him. What is his first name? (11 US cities are names after him!)

_____ Shelby

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He was well-known for his role during which war? _____

4. Radios and highways helped music and news travel from one part of the U.S. to the other. What was the local radio station that broadcast news and music?

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5. The boll weevil destroyed local cotton crops and caused many local farmers to stop farming and work in cotton textile mills. Where did this bug come from? _____

6. In the 1870s, there were about 39 textile mills in North Carolina – but then the railroad came to the county and helped mills carry thread and other products all over the United States. By the 1920s, how many textile mills were in the state? _____
7. Find the picture of the woman who was the manager of Flatt & Scruggs – and Earl’s wife! It is because of her that their songs were the theme for a TV show and featured in the movie Bonnie & Clyde. What is her first name?

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8. What is the name of the pickin’ style Earl Scruggs was known for? _____
9. How much did Earl Scruggs make an hour working at Lily Mill? _____
10. On December 8, 1945, Earl played for the first time on the stage at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN with Bill Monroe & The Bluegrass Boys. Many say this was the “birth of bluegrass”. The Ryman was for many years the home of the

Grand _____

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11. When did guests travel from across the South to Cleveland County to collect water in large glass jugs to use for its medicinal powers? _____
12. The bluegrass stylings of Earl Scruggs was featured on the Beverly Hillbillies. When did this show premier? _____
13. How many Grammy awards did Earl Scruggs receive throughout his career? _____
14. David Lee – a local man who recorded artists from this area and owned a record store – recorded Ann Sexton and the first interracial band in Shelby. What was this band called?

The _____

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Match the correct instrument with its description.

Banjo	Signature instrument of Bill Monroe
Fiddle	Made famous by Lester Flatt’s “G-Run”
Mandolin	Made from over 70 pieces of wood
Dobro	Picking playing style
Acoustic Guitar	Created by Dopyera Brothers in 1928