



Explore Buffalo® Downtown Tour Workbook





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neighborhoods.***

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Buffalo City Hall

- Style: Art Deco
- Architects: Dietel & Wade
- Completed Nov. 10, 1931, dedicated July 1, 1932
- Native American influences
- Statues of Presidents Fillmore and Cleveland



Mayor's Outer Office

Buffalo is a city. The top executive in the City of Buffalo is the Mayor.

The Common Council is the group of people who make the laws for the city.



Common Council Chambers

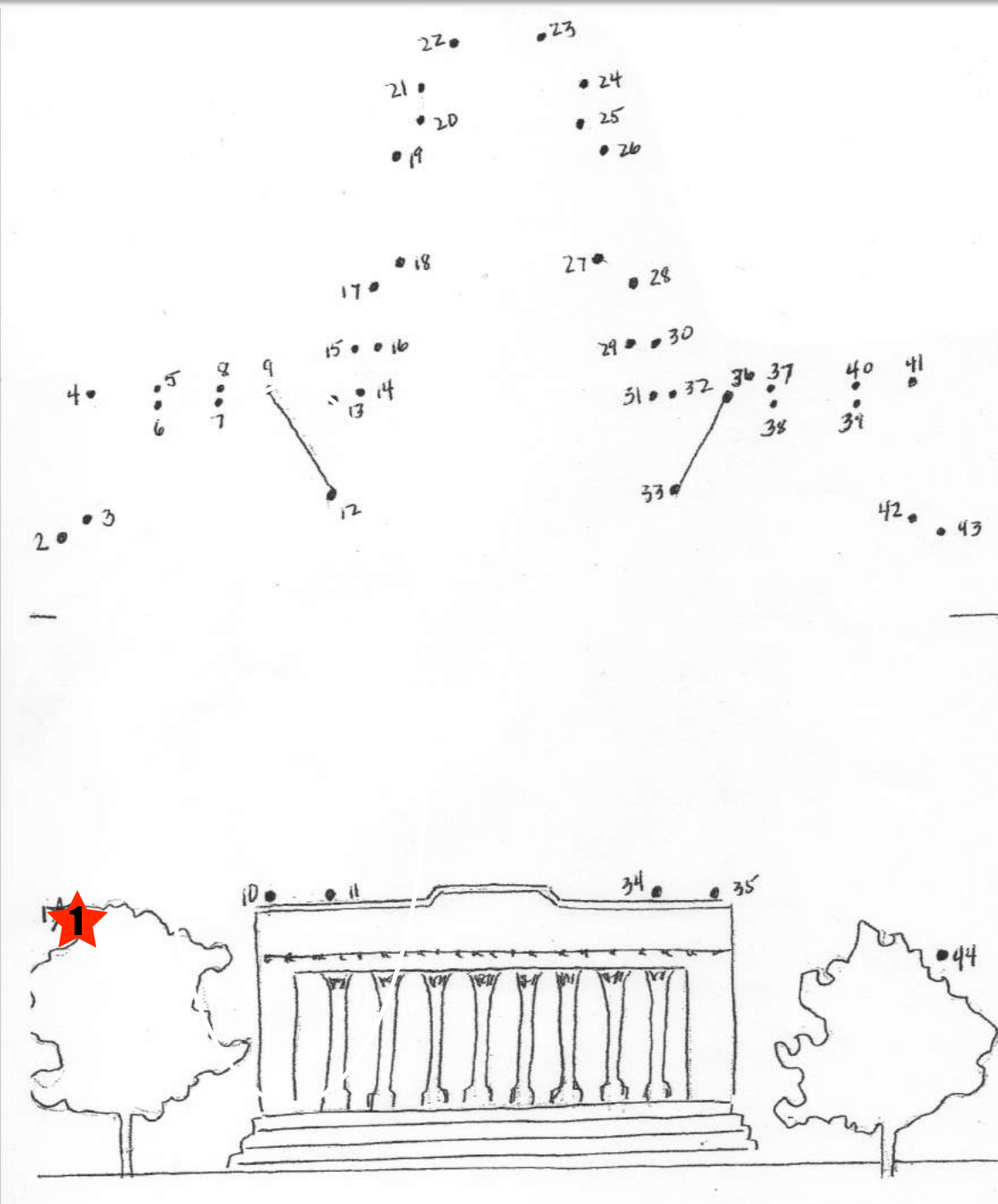
What is the name of your town, village, or city? _____

What do you call the top executive where you live? _____

What do you call the group of people who make the laws where you live? _____

Connect the Dots

What is the name of this building?

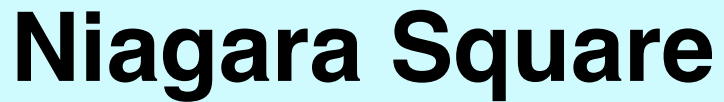


Hidden Pictures Buffalo City Hall

Circle the hidden pictures in the building using the clues below.

- The bridge connecting the US to Canada
- The Seal of The City of Buffalo
- The American flag
- The year City Hall was dedicated
- A sailing ship
- A buffalo
- A barge
- An Indian head
- The names of the architects of City Hall





Time Capsules

List 10 objects that you would include in a time capsule. These items could be buried in an important location and dug up some time in the future. This is a way to help explain today's world to future generations, so be creative.

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Obelisk

A tall, four-sided shaft of stone that rises to a pointed top.



President William McKinley was assassinated in Buffalo in 1901. To show respect for the President, the McKinley Monument was built in the shape of an obelisk.



The most famous obelisks are found in Egypt. They were filled with ancient Egyptian writing called hieroglyphics which use pictures instead of letters. The obelisks honored the pharaohs who were the rulers in ancient Egypt. The pharaohs also built the pyramids so people would remember them.

Imagine your own obelisk. Describe yourself in the writing area below. Write small. Examples:
Sally Jones. Born 2005, daughter of Jane and Philip Jones. Plays video games every day.
Dances. Best friends Jerry and Kimina.



Old County Hall

- Style: High Victorian Romanesque/Norman Romanesque
- Architect: Andrew Jackson Warner, Rochester NY
- Built: 1871-1876
- Material: Clark Island (Maine) Granite
- Site of Franklin Square Cemetery
- Once City Hall and County Hall
- Pres. William McKinley lay in state

When Mayor of Buffalo in 1882, Grover Cleveland had his office in this building.



**Pres. Grover Cleveland
1837-1908**



The diameter of the clock is 9'



**Each statue is 16 feet tall
and weighs 16 tons!**



The Burning of Buffalo, 12/30/1814

Gen. Cyrenius Chapin and his men set up an old 12-pounder cannon at the corner of Main and Niagara, where they could face both challenges. But by that stage they were only a straw in the wind. They managed no more than a few shots at the British soldiers emerging from the Black Rock Road before their cannon gave way to its age and collapsed. So ended the defense of the town. Chapin tried to arrange a surrender, but the British were not interested. He was taken prisoner and eventually ended up in Montreal.

Ellicott Square Building



- Style: Italian Renaissance
- Architect: Daniel Burnham
- Built: 1896, largest office building in the world
- Materials: Brick, terra cotta and cast iron on first two floors
- Earliest known purpose-built motion picture theater in the world
- The elevator doors tell the history of Buffalo

WORD FIND CIRCLE THE WORDS BELOW

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CITY HALL
GUARANTY
ELLICOTT
GOLDOME

BUFFALO
LAFAYETTE
SKYSCRAPER
LINCOLN

GOVERNMENT
POST OFFICE
NIAGARA
SAINT PAULS



- Write a letter inviting the President of the United States to visit Buffalo, NY. List things you think the President might like to do in Buffalo and why visiting here would be a wonderful experience!

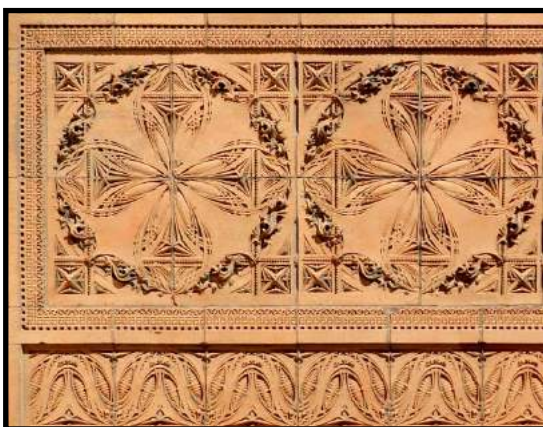
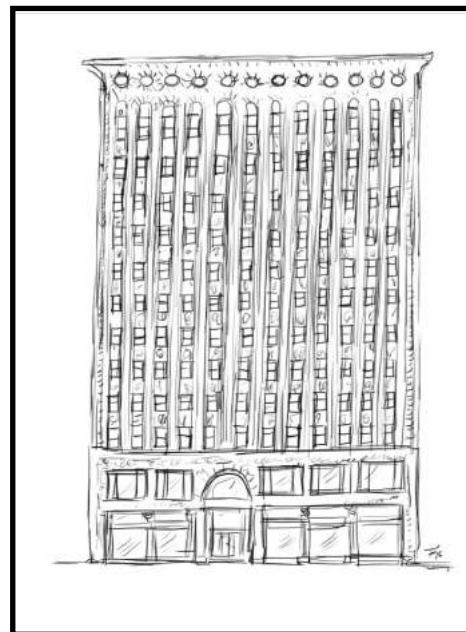
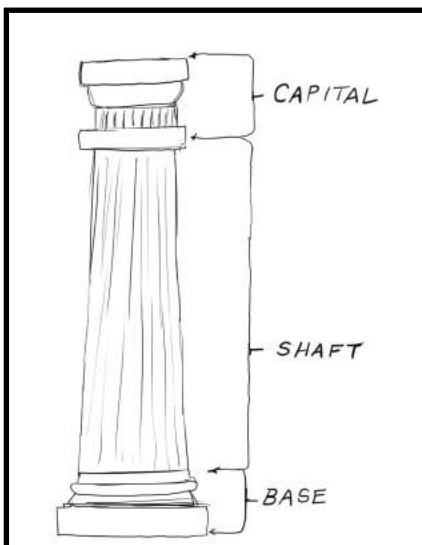
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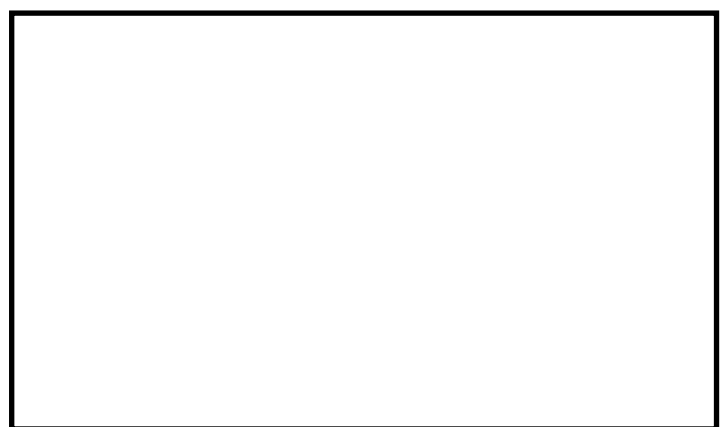
Guaranty Building

- Style: Skyscraper
- Architects: Louis Sullivan, Dankmar Adler
- Built: 1896
- Material: Terra Cotta
- Highly ornamented
- Designed as a column

A column has three parts - the capital, the shaft and the base. The Guaranty Building is designed like a column. Color the base of the Guaranty Building red, the shaft blue, and the capital green.



Sullivan's plant pod and caterpillar imagery on the Guaranty Building.



Draw your own design that could be used on the outside of a building.



Marquis de Lafayette

Lafayette Square

- The square is named after the Marquis de Lafayette who visited Buffalo in 1825
- The Soldiers and Sailors monument is dedicated to those who fought in the Civil War



Below are two photographs of the Civil War Monument in Lafayette Square. The bottom one depicts Abraham Lincoln who was President during the Civil War.

On the lines below, write what you know about President Lincoln. Then write what you would **like** to know about him.



WHAT I KNOW ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN



WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW:





Lafayette Hotel

- Style: French Renaissance
- Architect: Louise Blanchard Bethune
- Built: 1904
- Materials: red brick and white terra cotta
- There was hot and cold water in all bathrooms and a telephone in each room!



- **Louise Blanchard Bethune**
- **Born: 1856 in Waterloo, NY**
- **Moved to Buffalo when she was 12**
- **Opened her own architectural office in 1881 (25 years old)**
- **Married Robert Bethune, firm became Bethune and Bethune**
- **First female member of the American Institute of Architects.**
- **Designed mostly industrial and public buildings**
- **At the time, many felt that a woman could not appear at a construction site in a dress.**
- **Refused to compete for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Male architects appointed to design major buildings were paid \$10,000. Women architects would receive a fee of \$1,000.**

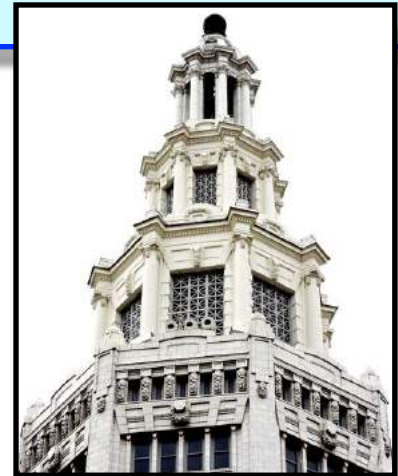
Louise Bethune is famous because she was a pioneer in her field - architecture. List below five women you think are famous and why.



The Electric Tower

535 Washington Street

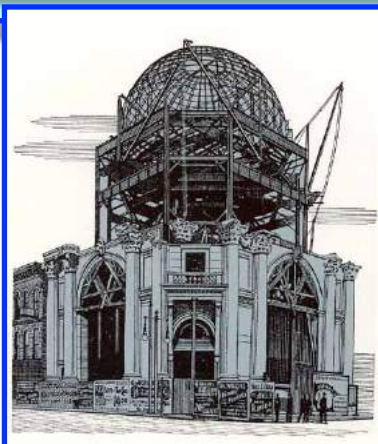
- Style: Beaux Arts
- Architects: Esenwein & Johnson
- Built: 1912
- Material: glazed terra cotta, self-cleaning
- Art Deco interior
- New Year's Eve ball drop



Goldome

545 Main Street

- Style: Neoclassical (roman arches, columns and dome)
- Opened in 1901
- Local architects: E. B. Green and William Wicks
- The dome has 23.75% gold leaf applied to the ceramic tile
- Material: granite
- President Millard Fillmore was one of the founding trustees of the Bank of Buffalo which became Goldome Bank in the 1980s





One M&T Plaza

- Style: Post Modern/Skyscraper
- Architect: Minoru Yamasaki, who designed the World Trade Center Towers in New York City
- Built: 1964-1966
- Material: High density white marble concrete, self-cleaning
- Height: 21 stories
- Plaza site of concerts every day at noon in the summer

This skyscraper was built as a bank, but other skyscrapers have been built for many other reasons or purposes. List 10 possible other uses for a skyscraper. Use your imagination. It's OK to be silly!

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One Seneca Tower,
Buffalo NY
40 Stories



Willis (Sears) Tower,
Chicago IL
108 stories



Empire State
Building, NY
102 stories 15



In each box number the buildings below in order of your favorite. On each line write the name of the building.







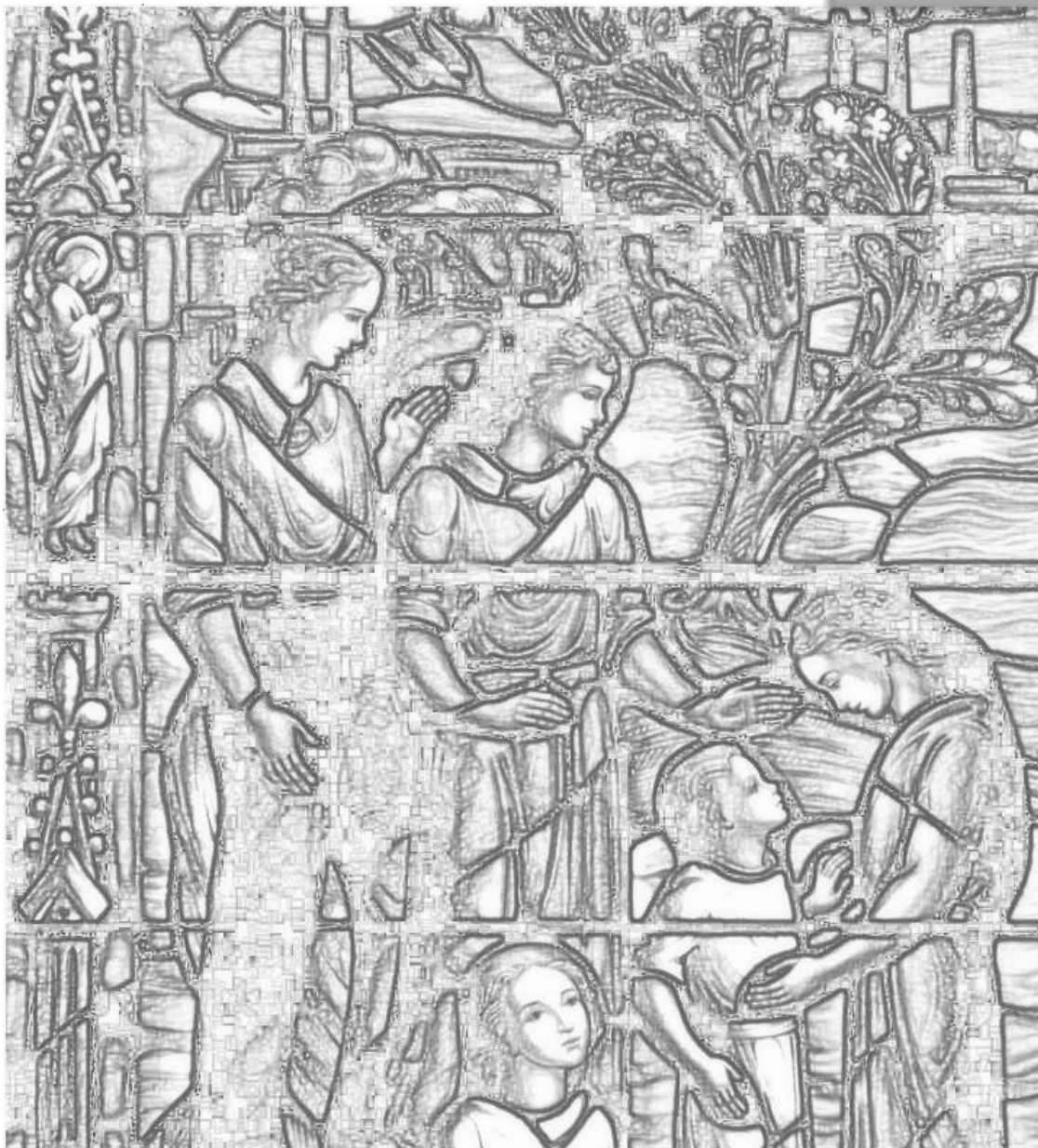


St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

- Style: Gothic Revival
- Architect: Richard Upjohn
- Built: 1851
- Material: Medina sandstone
- 1888 fire caused by a gas explosion
- Rebuilt: 1890, architect Robert Gibson



Here are two details from the stained glass window "Christ Blessing the Little Children." Color the black and white version, either using the original colors or choosing your own colors.



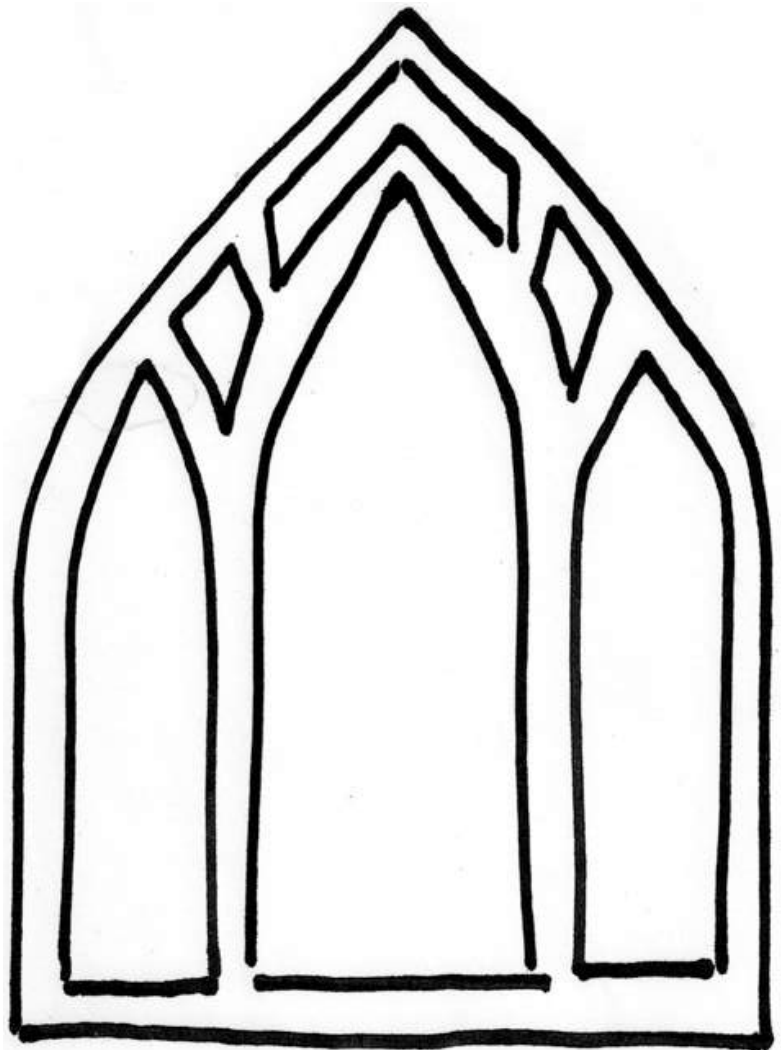


St. Joseph's Cathedral

- Style: Gothic Revival
- Architect: Patrick Keeley
- Built: 1851-1855 Tower: 1862 Parish House: 1875
- The first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo was John Timon. He was responsible for getting the Cathedral built.



Color the stained glass design above.



Design your own stained glass window above.

Bits and Pieces

- City Hall
- Guaranty
- Ellicott Square
- Old Post Office
- Lafayette Hotel
- Lafayette Square

- Electric Tower
- Goldome Bank
- St. Paul's Cathedral
- St. Joseph's Cathedral
- M&T Bank
- Old County Hall

Write the name of the building on the line below the picture.



Mercury



Terra cotta



Spire



Capital



Cornice



Bead-and-reel



Pres. Lincoln



Round arches



Rose window



Buttresses



Buffalo



Lady Justice



The Erie Canal

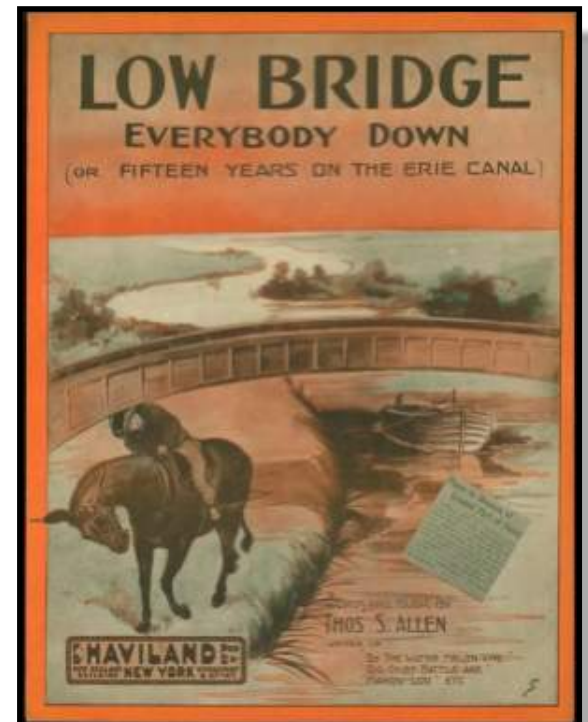
- Grand Opening: 1825
- Length of Canal: 363 miles
- Number of locks in 1825: 83
- Number of locks today: 57

Erie Canal Song

I've got an old mule and her name is Sal
 Fifteen years* on the Erie Canal
 She's a good old worker and a good old pal
 Fifteen years on the Erie Canal
 We've hauled some barges in our day
 Filled with lumber, coal, and hay
 And every inch of the way we know
 From Albany to Buffalo

Chorus:

Low bridge, everybody down
 Low bridge for we're coming to a town
 And you'll always know your neighbor
 And you'll always know your pal
 If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal



*Like most folk songs, the lyrics (and title!) of *The Erie Canal Song* has changed over time. The most obvious changes from Thomas Allen's original version has been changing the word **years** to **miles**. Allen's original version commemorates 15 years of working along the canal with Sal. The new version using the word *miles* refers to the average distance a mule would tow a barge before resting or being relieved by another mule.

Erie Canal

Circle the dot next to the name of each city and town on the map. Then, connect the dots to show the route of the Erie Canal.

Albany
Amsterdam
Utica
Rome
Syracuse

Auburn
Rochester
Brockport
Buffalo



Where is that building?

Draw a line from the building's name in the boxes at the top, side and bottom of the page to the building on the map.

City Hall

Niagara Square

Goldome

Electric Tower



Lafayette Square

Old Post Office

Lafayette Hotel

One M&T Bank

St. Joseph's Cathedral

Guaranty Building

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Presidents in Buffalo



Theodore Roosevelt



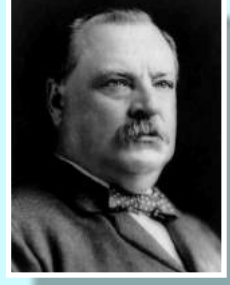
Millard Fillmore



William McKinley



Abraham Lincoln



Grover Cleveland

_____ Passed through Buffalo by train on the way to his inauguration (1861).

_____ Was shot at the Pan-American Exposition (1901).

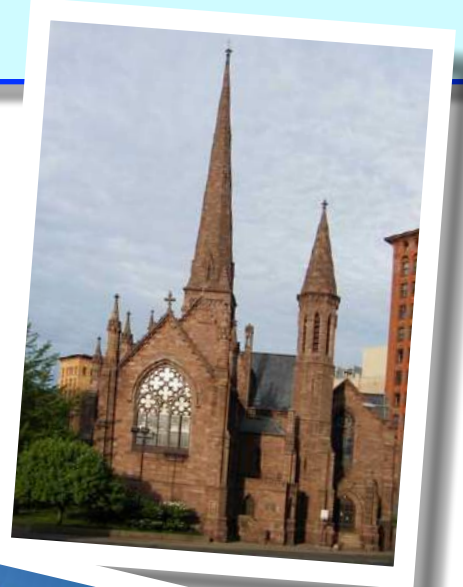
_____ Was a Buffalo lawyer, Congressman, Vice President & President (1850).

_____ After McKinley was shot, took the oath of office at the Wilcox Mansion on Delaware Avenue.

_____ Was a Buffalo lawyer, Sheriff, Mayor of Buffalo, Governor and President.

Greetings from Buffalo NY!

You've just taken a tour of Buffalo. On the following page send a friend a postcard. In the large blank space draw a picture of what you liked the most! In the space below tell them what you liked the most.



Draw your picture below.

Post Card

Place
Stamp
Here

Dear _____

I visited downtown Buffalo today. I saw
many interesting things. My favorite was

because



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