



Activity 3

Learning from Landmarks

In **National Treasure**, Ben's search for clues takes him from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia and New York. Each city he visits played an important role in America's history, and Ben uses his knowledge of history to uncover clues in each city's famous landmarks.

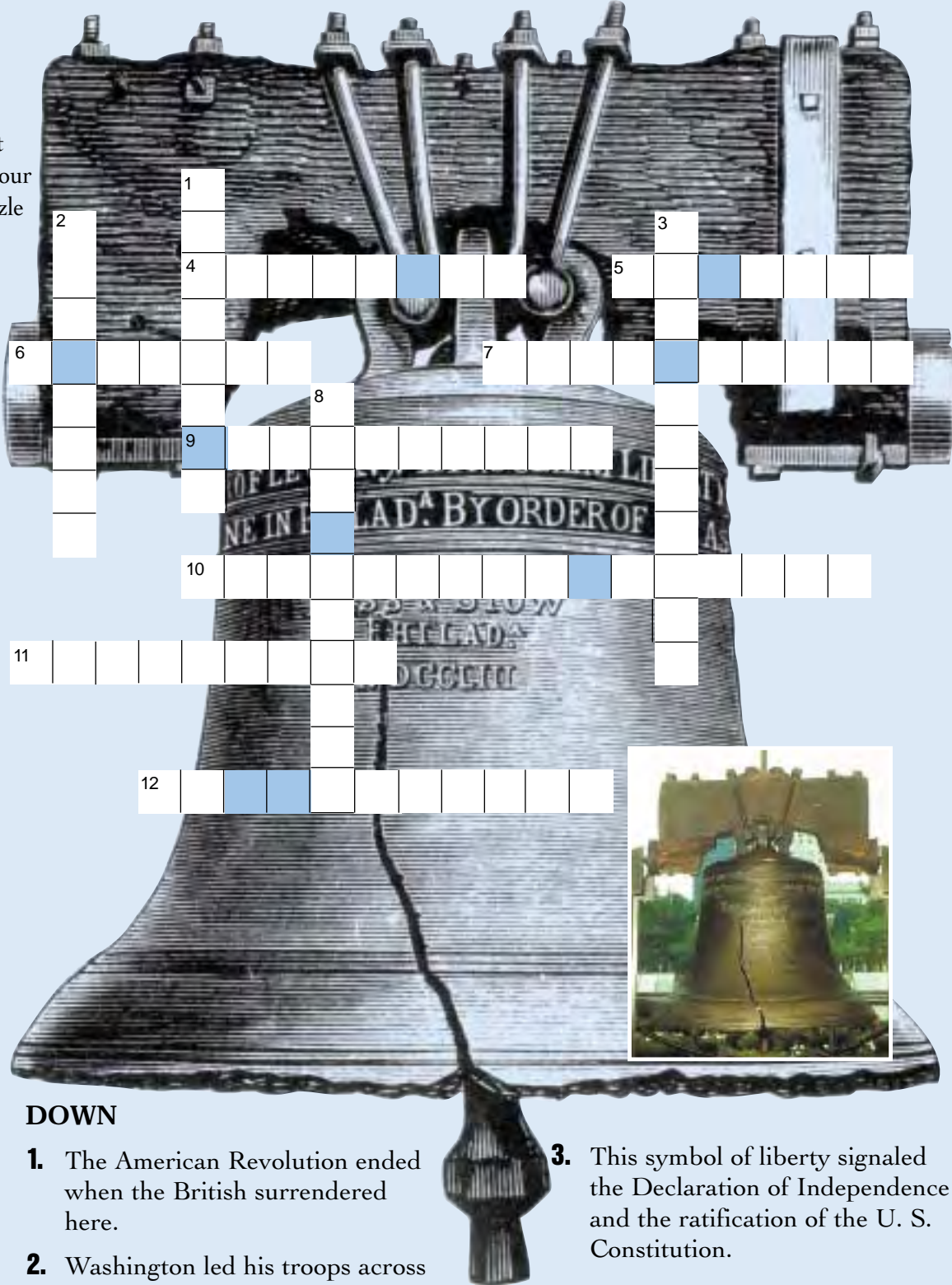
PART ONE Landmark Lore

How much do you know about American landmarks? Test your knowledge with this crossword puzzle about some famous places where American history really happened.

ACROSS

4. This mount is carved into a monument to four great American Presidents.
5. This Washington, D.C. memorial honors "The Great Emancipator."
6. The building where the U.S. Congress meets.
7. Battleground near Boston where patriots fought for independence.
9. This towering monument honors "The Father of His Country."
10. The Philadelphia building where the Declaration of Independence was signed.
11. This memorial in Washington, D.C., honors the author of the Declaration of Independence.

12. Winter quarters where the Continental Army nearly froze to death during the American Revolution.



DOWN

1. The American Revolution ended when the British surrendered here.
2. Washington led his troops across this river on Christmas Eve in a surprise attack on the British.
3. This symbol of liberty signaled the Declaration of Independence and the ratification of the U. S. Constitution.
8. The building American Presidents call home.

PART TWO Site Insight

In **National Treasure**, Ben uses a special pair of spectacles to read a treasure map on the back of the Declaration of Independence. During the American Revolution, patriots used all kinds of devices to conceal secret information. One device was called a “mask.” It was a sheet of paper with holes cut into it so that, when the mask was placed on a printed page, only certain words or letters would show through, spelling out the message. Make your own mask with a second copy of the Landmark Lore crossword puzzle. Cut out the shaded boxes in the puzzle. Then place your mask over the completed puzzle to read the letters that spell out a secret message. Unscramble the letters to learn the name of the town where patriots hid the Liberty Bell when the British attacked Philadelphia in 1777.



PART THREE Hometown History

Clues to America’s past are all around you, not just at the historical sites you’ll see in **National Treasure**. In fact, there are probably many clues to America’s past right in your hometown. Here’s a chance to show off your part of our nation’s heritage by creating a picture postcard. Before you begin, check out the local landmarks. Are there any monuments to local heroes? Can you visit the homes of early settlers? Were any famous battles fought nearby? All these are clues to historical landmarks in your hometown. Use the information you discover to draw your postcard.

Create-A-Card

YOUR CLUE to the TREASURE

Still hoping to find digital treasure at the **National Treasure** website? Go to the **Games** section and use your landmark savvy to complete the pyramid puzzle. Visit www.NationalTreasure.com. And good luck!



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