



How well do you know Philadelphia?

1. What Philadelphia resident invented the lightning rod and bifocals?
2. Philadelphia is known as (nickname)?
3. Who founded Philadelphia?
4. In what building did the Continental Congress meet (modern name)?
5. What cracked bell was once located in the steeple of the above building?
6. What Philadelphia resident made the first American flag?
7. Who is Philadelphia's most famous fictional boxer?
8. What Philadelphia sandwich is made with thinly cut steak, onions and cheese on a hoagie?
9. What is the pro football team in Philadelphia?
10. What college has an owl as its mascot?

Answers:

- 1) Benjamin Franklin
- 2) The City of Brotherly Love
- 3) William Penn
- 4) Independence Hall
- 5) Liberty Bell
- 6) Betsy Ross
- 7) Rocky Balboa
- 8) Philly Cheesesteak
- 9) Eagles
- 10) Temple



Exploring the Rich History of Philadelphia

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This year, as a Christmas gift to our grandchildren, our family gathered in Philadelphia for an exploration of the city's diverse and historic sites. The Ladd grandchildren—ages 18, 15, and 13—drove down from New Hampshire, while Everett and I drove up from Gettysburg.

We spent four glorious days in Philadelphia—sightseeing, eating Philly Cheesesteaks (grandson Zack's top goal), and enjoying quality time together.



Two of our favorite stops were the Simeone Foundation Auto Museum and Constitution Center. Both museums have accomplished the near impossible—providing dramatic exhibits that appeal to a 13-year-old girl, two teenage boys, as well as adults.



At the Simeone, we viewed race cars from 1909 to the present—each with clear signage giving the car's racing history and context of the challenges of its day. In the auto repair shop, we visited with the volunteers who keep each car in running order and who love sharing the stories of the magnificent cars.

Located just south of Philadelphia, this museum is worth a visit, if not in person, then at least on the Web: www.simeonemuseum.org.

At Constitution Center, right in downtown Philadelphia, and facing Independence Hall, we began with the sound-and-light show explaining how our nation's Constitution came to shape our government. Then we spread out to explore the exhibits, with each one of us picking something different—from trying on judicial robes (Why do the Supreme Court justices wear plain black robes and not the ornate red robes and powdered wigs of the British court?), to taking the Presidential Oath of Office (with a photo of the Capitol Steps behind you), to exploring Presidential election options on computer screens. And we all took our photos with the Founding Fathers in Signers' Hall (see photo). If you make a trip to Philly, please check out Constitution Center. Here learning is truly fun, and you will come away with a whole new respect for our country's heritage. www.ConstitutionCenter.org

