



DALLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE HALL OF STATE IN FAIR PARK

1. Look at the front of the Hall of State. Do you see a gold warrior? What is he missing (Hint: Look at his bow)? What do you think the missing parts mean? How does this tie in with the definition of the word "Tejas"?
2. Everything in the Hall of State signifies/represents/"means" something else. Look at the Gold Warrior in front of the Hall of State again. See the blue tile behind him? What do you think the color of the tile symbolizes? Hint: What is the state flower of Texas?
3. Walk inside the Hall of State and up the green steps into the Great Hall. How many flags have flown over Texas? Can you name them all? Can you identify the six countries represented by the six maidens on the gold seal?
4. Look at the two murals in the Great Hall. They were painted by a man named Eugene Savage. Mr. Savage signed both of his paintings, but his signature is hidden. Can you find them? Circle where the signatures are located on the images below:



5. How many mosaics do you see on the floor? What are the mosaics depicting? Why are the things being shown in the mosaics important to Texas?
6. How many statues are located in the Hall of Heroes? Why was each one important to Texas history? If you were to add people to the Hall of Heroes, who would they be and why? What, in your opinion, makes a hero a hero? Can you name any modern day Texas heroes?
7. What year was the Hall of State built? Why was it built? How much did it cost? (See plaque inside front door)



8. Can you find the sleeping giants in the East Texas room mural? Circle them in the image below. What do the giants represent (Note: turn and look at the other mural in the East Texas room for a hint)?



9. Walk into the West Texas Room (now the library). Can you see the walls? What is on the walls? What do those symbols represent? On what types of animals in Texas do you normally see these symbols? Why would a rancher put a symbol like this on their animal?
10. What was the name of the Dallas Historical Society's founder (hint: Who is the library named for)? How many references can you find about this person in the building? Can you name any of their other accomplishments? What other museums in Dallas reference this person - or a place named after them - at their museum? Have you ever seen a statue of this person anywhere around Dallas? If so, where?
11. Think of the Hall of State like a time capsule from the year it was built. What was important to the people who built it? What was left out? If you were to build a Texas History time capsule today, what would you include and why? Are there certain things/people/events you would leave out? What do you think are the most important topics/people in Texas History?
12. After visiting the museum, what did you discover that you didn't expect?