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## 4th – 8th Grade Scavenger Hunt

**★ TEACHER VERSION — ANSWER KEY INCLUDED ★**

*Answers are for the adult coach/mentor only. Do not share with students.*

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## Scavenger Hunt Directions

- One teacher or chaperone (Team Leader) per five students to make a team. (Teams can be larger if needed.)
- The Team Leader's copy has answers on the last page. Answers are only for the Team Leader.
- The Team Leader will read each question and offer suggestions as to where the answer might be in the exhibit. Students will do discovery museum interaction to find the answer.
- Each team should remain together as they go through the museum helping each other learn about the interactive exhibits.

## Museum Rules

- **Respect all exhibits** — No touching cases, artifacts, or display surfaces.
- **Use indoor voices** — Walk, speak quietly, and avoid disrupting other visitors.
- **Follow gallery pathways** — Stay in public areas and follow posted signs.
- **Record answers neatly** — Students write their own answers; adults may guide.
- **Manage time well** — Teams should pace themselves to complete all sections.
- **Care for materials** — Keep scavenger sheets, pencils, and clipboards in good condition.
- **Ask a volunteer docent** — Docents may help with locations, not answers.
- **Share space politely** — Do not block exhibits; wait if an area is crowded.
- **No food or drink** — Food, drinks, gum, and candy are not allowed in galleries.
- **Pencils Only** – Extra pencils may be found at the Visitor Information Desk. Please return it once your tour is complete.

Teacher:

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## Scavenger Hunt Questions

| TEKS | Question | # |
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| **Entrance & Family Displays** | | |
| *5.17A* | List 3 symbols found on the Presidential Seal.<br>➤ ***Olive branch, arrows, and eagle*** | **1** |
| | Take 2 minutes to look at the Pierce Family Display. List 2 facts you learned.<br>➤ ***Open-ended (student response)*** | **2** |
| | Take 2 minutes to look at the Bush Family display. List 2 new facts you learned.<br>➤ ***Open-ended (student response)*** | **3** |
| **Military Service & World War II** | | |
| *5.5A / 7.7E* | What major world event caused Bush to change his plans of going directly to the University of Yale from High School?<br>➤ ***Pearl Harbor*** | **4** |
| | What kind of plane did George Bush fly?<br>➤ ***1944 TBM Avenger*** | **5** |
| *6.3.C* | Which ocean was the major area of fighting with Japan? (Hint – where was Bush shot down?)<br>➤ ***Pacific Ocean*** | **6** |
| | What was the name of the submarine that rescued Bush?<br>➤ ***USS Finback*** | **7** |
| **Yale University Years** | | |
| | What sport did Bush play at Yale?<br>➤ ***Baseball*** | **8** |
| **Texas Business & Early Political Career** | | |
| *4.5.A / 5.13.A / 7.7.B* | What industry did Bush go into after graduating?<br>➤ ***Oil industry*** | **9** |
| *4.13.A / 5.23.A / 6.5.C / 8.27B* | What is the "Scorpion"?<br>➤ ***Zapata Off Shore's 1st 3-legged oil rig*** | **10** |
| *4.9.A / 5.13.B / 7.11.A / 8.11.A* | Why was the Permian Basin so important?<br>➤ ***It had some of the richest oil deposits*** | **11** |
| *4.17.D / 4.18.D / 5.18.A / 7.16.A* | Which county did Bush represent at the start of his political career as Republican Party Chairman?<br>➤ ***Harris County*** | **12** |
| *5.19.B / 6.9.B* | Which branch of government did Bush participate in as a congressman from Texas?<br>➤ ***Legislative*** | **13** |

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| *4.18.B / 5.5.C / 7.7.D* | Name the bill that Congressman Bush signed to promote equal rights in Texas and the U.S.<br>➤ ***Civil Rights Bill*** | **14** |
| *5.5.C / 6.12.B / 7.7.D / 8.21.A* | How did Congressman Bush vote on the Civil Rights Bill of 1968?<br>➤ ***Yes*** | **15** |
| **Road to the Presidency** | | |
| *6.12.A / 7.15.B* | What year was Bush elected president?<br>➤ ***1988*** | **16** |
| **State Gifts Gallery** | | |
| *6.6.A* | What is the major resource that is part of most of the gifts from Saudi Arabia?<br>➤ ***Gold*** | **17** |
| *6.3.D / 6.16.A / 6.16.B* | List 3 different countries that gave gifts to the Bushes.<br>➤ ***Open-ended (student response)*** | **18** |
| *6.16.A* | Which gift did the Bushes receive from Russia?<br>➤ ***Tennis Ball Machine*** | **19** |
| **The Berlin Wall & Cold War** | | |
| *6.20.A* | When and why was the Berlin Wall built?<br>➤ ***1961, to separate East and West Berlin*** | **20** |
| *6.19.C / 7.20.C* | In what year were East and West Germany reunited?<br>➤ ***1990*** | **21** |
| *6.10.B* | The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the end of what?<br>➤ ***The Cold War*** | **22** |
| **Gulf War** | | |
| *6.6.C* | Which country did Iraq invade?<br>➤ ***Kuwait*** | **23** |
| | What did Saddam Hussein order his Iraqi troops to do as they retreated from Kuwait?<br>➤ ***Destroy the oil fields*** | **24** |
| *7.11.B* | Where are the firefighters who put out the Kuwaiti fires from?<br>➤ ***Texas*** | **25** |

*Overall Social Studies Skills TEKS: 4.21.A, B, D; 4.23.A; 5.24.A, B, E; 5.25.C; 5.26.B; 8.29.B, D; 8.31*

## Discussion Questions — For Teacher-Led Reflection

1. What evidence supports the statement that George H.W. Bush was well prepared to be President by the time he was elected?

2. Why are the 41st and 43rd Presidents unique?

3. What makes a good leader?

4. What major Cold War change happened during his presidency?

Berlin Wall Bonus: After seeing the colorful West side and the plain East side, what do you feel each side represents, and why?

# ANSWER KEY

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5. 1944 TBM Avenger
6. Pacific Ocean
7. USS Finback
8. Baseball
9. Oil industry
10. Zapata Off Shore's 1st 3-legged oil rig
11. It had some of the richest oil deposits
12. Harris County
13. Legislative
14. Civil Rights Bill
15. Yes
16. 1988
17. Gold
18. Open-ended (student response — e.g., Saudi Arabia, Poland, various world nations)
19. Fly fishing vest & fishing lures
20. 1961, to separate East and West Berlin
21. 1990
22. The Cold War
23. Kuwait
24. Destroy the oil fields
25. Texas

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