

Jack London State Historic Park Scavenger Hunt

At the

House of Happy Walls

Welcome to this house, built by Charmian London in 1919-1926. The house is similar to the Wolf House in some ways - the Spanish style roof tiles and walls of fieldstone, for example- but it is much smaller and more formal. Charmian lived here whenever she was not traveling abroad or staying with relatives. After her death in 1955 at the age of 84, Charmian's will directed that the house be used as a memorial to Jack London and as a museum that would house the London collection of photographs and exhibits about the life and adventures of the world famous author. Books and collectibles are also available for purchase.

Much of the furniture in the house was designed by the Londons and custom built for use in the Wolf House. The library is furnished with equipment from London's original study. It contains Jack's big roll-top desk, dictaphone and other items that he utilized while working on various writing projects

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FIND THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY VIEWING THE EXHIBITS.

1. What was the name of the boat that Jack and Charmian sailed to the South Pacific?
 - a. Shark
 - b. Snark
 - c. Charmian
 - d. London
2. What is the name on the star finder?
 - a. Philips Planisphere
 - b. Star Chart
 - c. Star Disk
 - d. Planispheric disk
3. In the window seat display there is an award for a Champion Stallion from the Sacramento County Fair. What was the name of Jack's Stallion?
 - a. Champion
 - b. Neuadd Hillside
 - c. Snark
 - d. Razzle Dazzle
4. What year was the Wolf House fire?
 - a. August 22, 1913
 - b. Nov. 22, 1916
 - c. Jan. 13, 1876
 - d. Nov. 19, 1905

5. How much did the Wolf House construction cost?
- a. \$40,000
 - b. \$80,000
 - c. \$75,000
 - d. \$60,000
6. How many floors did the floor plan show?
- a. three
 - b. four
 - c. two
 - d. five
7. Who was the person that sculpted the bust of Jack on the fireplace mantle?
- a. George Sterling
 - b. Albert Farr
 - c. Finn Frolich
 - d. Eliza Shepard
8. The paintings above the fireplace were:
- a. Charmian's paintings
 - b. Eliza Shepard's paintings
 - c. Illustrations from Jack's books
 - d. Albert Farr's paintings
9. The Tapa Cloth curtains were made from:
- a. Mulberry tree
 - b. Oregon Myrtle
 - c. Redwood tree
 - d. Magnolia tree
10. What were the twirling shells made for?
- a. Decorations
 - b. signal sounds
 - c. weapons
 - d. door knockers
11. In the credo that Jack wrote, what is he trying to say?
- a. Live safe
 - b. Grow old
 - c. Spend every day like as if it is your last
 - d. live carefully
12. When was the "8 Great Factors of Literary Success" printed in Silhouette Magazine?
- a. April 1876
 - b. May 1913
 - c. March 1904
 - d. Feb. 1917

13. How many rejection slips did Jack receive?
- a. 15
 - b. 600
 - c. 120
 - d. 250
14. When was the motion picture of Jack London made?
- a. two weeks before he died
 - b. In spring of 1915
 - c. August 18, 1913
 - d. 6 days before his death
15. In the motion picture, what animal does Jack lift up to his cheek?
- a. horse
 - b. dog
 - c. pig
 - d. snake
16. Jack was a war correspondent for which wars?
- a. Russo/Japanese war
 - b. Vera Cruz intercession
 - c. A and B
 - d. none
17. Where was Jack born on Jan. 12, 1876?
- a. Oakland
 - b. San Francisco
 - c. Glen Ellen
 - d. Alameda
18. How many children did Jack have with his first wife, Bessie?
- a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three
 - d. four
19. What were the number of books that Jack had published?
- a. 20
 - b. 42
 - c. 77
 - d. 53
20. In Jack's office there are paintings on the wall which are numbered. What were those paintings used for?
- a. Magazine illustrations
 - b. book illustrations
 - c. Art for post cards
 - d. Charmian's artwork
21. Jack prided himself for writing daily a certain amount. What is it?
number of days a week/ number of words per day
- a. 7 days/1500 words
 - b. 5 days/750 words
 - c. 6 days/ 1000 words
 - d. 4 days/2000 words

22. You passed under a horseshoe during your visit to the museum. Can you find where that threshold is? Which horse do you think it belonged to? Write in the answer:

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23. What does Charmian's clothes display tell you about her personality?
- a. she liked to dress up
 - b. she wore jeans
 - c. she wore sweatclothes
 - d. she didn't have any fancy clothes
24. Locate a photograph of Jack wearing a costume. What was the costume made from?
- a. silk
 - b. cotton
 - c. fur
 - d. human hair
25. At which University was Jack going to speak about the "coming crisis"?
- a. Berkeley
 - b. Stanford
 - c. Yale
 - d. San Francisco State
26. Name a famous Sonoma County resident who was also a friend of Jack London.
- a. Charles Schulz
 - b. Gaye LeBaron
 - c. Luther Burbank
 - d. General Vallejo
27. What was Jack's first job and how old was he?
- a. Newspaper boy at 10
 - b. cannery at 12
 - c. oyster pirate at 15
 - d. reporter at 18
28. Name one of Jack's childhood pets.
- a. Sally
 - b. Rollo
 - c. Mister
 - d. Tiger
29. What was Charmian's name for this house?
- a. House of Happy Walls
 - b. House with Happy Walls
 - c. Happy House
 - d. Happy Walls House

30. Charmian had her nickname for Jack engraved on a piece of personal property she gave him as a gift. What was this nickname?
- a. Honey
 - b. friend
 - c. Mate
 - d. Jacky
31. Find the drum. Where is its origin?
- a. Samoan War Drum
 - b. Hawaiian Drum
 - c. California Drum
 - d. Tahiti Drum
32. Who made the modern man/primitive man sculpture and what book did it remind Jack of?
- a. Charmian, White Fang
 - b. Jack, Sea Wolf
 - c. Jack, Martin Eden
 - d. Ferrari, Before Adam
33. What is Charmian wearing on her hip while she is photographed with native head hunters?
- a. Knife
 - b. Pistol
 - c. Rifle
 - d. purse
34. What tool did Jack call his “ticket” to ride which he used while riding the rails during his Hobo days?
- a. hammer
 - b. pliers
 - c. wood piece with groove
 - d. rope
35. Where is the stereo-optic camera displayed?
- a. Charmian’s closet
 - b. Piano area
 - c. Jack’s bedroom
 - d. it isn’t displayed
36. What breed of horses did Jack raise on the Beauty Ranch?
- a. Clydesdale
 - b. Arabians
 - c. Shire
 - d. Thoroughbreds
37. What date is stamped on Jack and Charmian’s certificate of discharge from the Department of Commerce and Labor?
- a. Jan. 1, 1912
 - b. July 29, 1912
 - c. July 4, 1913
 - d. Feb. 6, 1914

38. Jack was president of what socialist group in 1906?
- a. Socialist Association
 - b. Assoc. of Socialists
 - c. Intercollegiate Socialist Society
 - d. Friends of Socialists
39. What George Orwell book was influenced by London's futuristic book, The Iron Heel?
- a. 1965
 - b. 2001
 - c. 1984
 - d. 1916
40. What is the Romanian name for the Jack London book, Martin Eden?
- a. Alese Opere
 - b. Opere Alese
 - c. Mi Alese
 - d. Mi Opere
41. Find the painted plaster bust of Nefertiti near the piano, done by Herzog. Who was Nefertiti?
- a. 14th Century Egyptian Queen
 - b. 18th Century Greek Goddess
 - c. 15th Century Roman Princess

Answer key available at Museum Office.

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