



NATIONAL STEINBECK CENTER

Scavenger Hunt



Welcome Map

1. The Valley of the World is a beautiful green space. Look for a town between the Salinas River and Gabilan Mountains. John Steinbeck is born in this place.

Little John Steinbeck's Room

2. What is your favorite thing to do after you're done your chores? To find out little John's favorite pastime, explore his "Childhood Memories". Have a seat on his bed if you need a clue. What do the cushions spell out?

Where family and story collide

3. Before you explore the car and train, find the GIANT book. What is the title of the book?

"The Gift"

4. Around the corner, smell the hay? Hop into the saddle and listen for a neigh. John based this story on his own life experience about receiving one of these animals when he was little. The _____

The Bunkhouse – Of Mice & Men

5. George enjoyed playing card games. Guess which card game was his favorite. Hint: It is meant to be played by a "single" person.

Migration

6. Do you see the photos in the garage and by the shack? Steinbeck wrote about the Joads, a family that had to move from Oklahoma to California. They were looking for jobs and looking for a home. What historic event caused all these folks to roam? The _____

Biological Laboratory

7. Steinbeck was friends with a marine biologist who had a laboratory where he collected specimens. What was his name? HINT: There is a picture of him hanging in "Doc's Lab"

Previously, Ocean View Ave

8. What place does Steinbeck describe as, "a poem, a stink, a grating noise, a quality of light, a tone, a habit, a nostalgia, a dream"? HINT: It is name of John Steinbeck's novel set in Monterey, California.

Pearls, Diamonds, or Gold?

9. Steinbeck's story about Kino and Juana tells of a hard-learned lesson. Kino is a poor man who finds a great and terrible treasure. Find the giant oyster from the parable. What did you find? Why is it so special?

Steinbeck - Wartime Journalist

10. Continue your quest past Mexico. Five grey pillars are in front of a map. Look up. Steinbeck was a newspaper correspondent during World War II and visited the cities of London and Capri. Which continent are these cities located in? Bonus: Which two countries are they located in?

Start Spreading the News...

11. After WW II, Steinbeck moved to this city permanently. Its nickname is The Big Apple.

Why is John Steinbeck So Famous?

12. This is better than an A+, more prestigious than a trophy. It's rarer than gold and worth way more than money. Although he won many awards, this was huge. What major prize did Steinbeck receive in 1962? Why did he win it?

Big Wheels Keep on Turning

13. See the map with pancakes, coyotes, redwoods and corn? John wanted to write a book about America. So, he took a road trip to explore it all. Rocinante, Steinbeck's trusty green steed, took him near and far. Who does John travel with in his truck?

Fun for all ages!



Answer Key

1. Salinas
2. Read
3. East of Eden
4. Red Pony
5. Solitaire
6. The Great Depression / Dust Bowl
7. Ed Ricketts
8. Cannery Row
9. The Pearl
10. Europe; England, Italy
11. New York City
12. Nobel Prize
13. Charley, his French poodle