

Self-Guided Learning Packet • Parent/Teacher Guide • GRADES K-1

MAIN LEVEL/2nd FLOOR

1. What was this building before it became a museum? **Courthouse**
The Museum is housed in the historic 1903 El Paso County Courthouse.
2. Visit the **Conejos: Una Familia Grande** exhibit. What special dance group wears dresses like these? **Ballet Folklórico** – *These beautiful outfits are called Jalisco dresses.*
3. Visit the **Story of Us** exhibit. What race was this car used for? **Soap Box Derby**
The pictured Soapbox Derby car, made of plywood and canvas, was constructed by Al Bates who raced this car in the 1947 Colorado Springs' "All-American Soap Box Derby."
4. What is the yellow part of the column made of? **Scagliola**
The yellow part of the column is made out of a plaster material called scagliola, which is an imitation marble.
5. What year was the museum's birdcage elevator built? **1917**
Even though they finished building this courthouse in 1903 they were not able to add an elevator until 14 years later!

UPPER LEVEL/3rd FLOOR

6. Can you find this small pouch in the **Cultural Crossroads** exhibit? What materials is it made of? **Glass Seed Beads, Animal Hide/Leather, Tin/Metal, Sinew/String**
Throughout the exhibit you can find the object materials by reading the labels.
7. Can you find the pine cones? What items from nature do you see in her home? **Examples: Leaves, Beaver Hide, Shells, Plants, Baskets**
Helen loved spending time in nature! Her favorite place to explore was North Cheyenne Canyon.
8. What local team signed this baseball? **Sky Sox**
The Brown Bombers, an all African American local baseball team, was organized shortly after World War II. They played in the extremely competitive City Baseball League, and won back-to-back championships in 1949 and 1950.
9. Can you name one of the medicines in the pharmacy cabinet in the **City of Sunshine** exhibit? **Various**
Pharmacies and drug stores often appeared on nearly every corner! In addition to dispensing medicine — they dispensed medical advice. They also sold a variety of goods including candy, soda and ice-cream and later film and camera services.
10. How many faces do you see in the **Division 1 Courtroom**? **7**
Four of the faces are carved from wood and three are painted as part of the Gold and Silver figures.

BONUS: What type of transportation is this wheel attached to? What animal pulled this vehicle?

Carriage and Horse

