

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

### MAIN LEVEL/2<sup>nd</sup> 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/3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR

6. 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.*
7. 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.*
8. 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.*
9. 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.*
10. What type of transportation is this wheel attached to? What animal pulled this vehicle? **Carriage and Horse**

