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Exploring Salisbury's Main Street

a walking game ANSWER SHEET FOR GROWN-UPS

 Sit on the bench outside the red brick building at 24 Main Street. What is the name of the building? The Academy Building. It was built in 1833, nearly 200 years ago. It was one of the area's oldest schools. Tuition to attend was \$3 per quarter. Another past use of the building was Circuit Court.

2. Look across the street and find a big white building.

This is Salisbury Town Hall. the seat of our local government. It's the fourth structure to serve as our town hall. The original was built between 1749 and 1751. This one was built in 1988. three years after a fire set by an arsonist destroyed the previous one.

3. With the Academy Building behind you, turn right and walk toward a white church steeple. Stop at the next red brick building.

This is the Salisbury Post Office. The zip code for Salisbury is 06068.

4. At the crosswalk, carefully cross Main Street and turn left.

The first street you approach is called The Lock Up. A jail used to be here

5. Look straight ahead to the top of Salisbury Town Hall.

The weathervane topping Town Hall is dated 1741. when the town of Salisbury began.

6. Cross Lock Up Street and stop at a small green with stone monuments. Rest for a moment on the bench to honor men and women from our community who served our country in its armed forces. To continue, walk up the ramp, then down. Stop at the corner. You'll see a stone kettle.

Water in this kettle comes from the Town's water supply. An earlier iron kettle made in 1884 was set in the middle of Main Street. so horses coming through town could take a drink.

7. Turn right and walk up Factory/Washinee Street. Stop at the white fence and read the sign.

This is the Old Burying Ground. The first person buried here was Dr. Wade Clark. who was laid to rest on August 6. 1750. Also buried here are 38 veterans of the Revolutionary War. The last burial was in 1873. There are 261 graves .

8. Turn around and walk down to Main Street. Turn left and walk slowly on the sidewalk past a yellow fire hydrant.

Look to your left and see a rock sign that says it is 165 miles to Boston.

9. Cross back over Lock Up Street, admiring buildings on both sides of Main Street. Stop at Sweet William. Look up.

This is the Eliza Peet building built in 1834.

10. Keep walking past a very large tree on your left. Stop at the fence. This is a privately owned home where sheep, goats, chickens and a rooster are raised.

11. Keep walking past the animals. Carefully cross at the yellow sign on your right and walk towards the Green.

The monument was erected here in 1891. As the plaque says, it is to "commemorate and thank those who fought for the Union" in the Civil War. Check out the big white building ahead on the Green. It's The White Hart Inn. established in 1806.

12. Head back to the monument and cross at the yellow sign on your left. Walk towards a white church with a steeple. On the way, notice the stone wall, an old wooden barn and a pretty white house with two balconies. This house was built in 1830. It was the Maple Shade Hotel, then the Ragamont Inn and now a private home.

The name of the church is St. John's Church. In 2024, it will be 200 years old.

13. Keep walking toward an even bigger church, cross Academy Street and stop for a moment to read the blue sign on your left. Continue to the very tall white church.

This is the Congregational Church of Salisbury. The first worshippers attended services in 1744. The building is 223 years old.

14. Carefully cross Library Street until you come to a large gray building. Look up. Walk up the stairs. Read the plaque.

This is Scoville Memorial Library. built in 1894. It was the first publicly funded library in the nation.

15. Walk back to the sidewalk. Turn left and stop at a small stone bridge. Flowing under the bridge is the Wachocastinook Brook.

16. Turn around and head back toward the big white church. Stop at the corner of Library Street. At the top of the steeple, what do you see?

A whale. inspired by the story of Henry Obookiah who left Hawaii on a whaling ship and later became the first student of the Foreign Mission School in Cornwall.