

The Library of Congress National Book Festival

Eye Spy Answers for the Festival Poster

1. Question: Can you spot *two young children* stepping into this amazing scene on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.?



Answer: Look carefully at the **lower right side** of the poster. You'll find a young girl and boy walking into the festival scene. Zoom into this [bird's eye map of Washington City](#) to see how National Mall area might have looked in 1871.

2. Question: Look for the *United States Capitol dome* and locate the statue on the top? Do you know what this statue is called?



Answer: The statue is called the **Statue of Freedom**. View photos of the [statue](#) taken in 1933. Examine a [2007 aerial view of Washington](#) with the Capitol in the center.

3. Question: Can you find a *large white marine mammal* swimming towards the West? What kind of animal is it? In what 1851 novel does this animal play a major role?



Answer: Moby Dick is a **white sperm whale** and the subject of Herman Melville's novel, *Moby Dick*. Read about this [Moby Dick Literary Map](#) and have fun [zooming into the map](#) for details.

4. Question: Do you see a *famous English poet and playwright* holding a feather pen in one hand and a book in the other? What is his name?



Answer: William Shakespeare (1564-1616), English playwright and poet, is recognized in much of the world as the greatest of all dramatists. You will find a [portrait statue of William Shakespeare](#) in the Main Reading Room in the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress.

5. Question: Look for a *man holding a skull*. In a famous play this character said, "To be, or not to be: that is the question." What is his name? HINT: See question 4.



Answer: Hamlet is the main character in William Shakespeare's play, *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*, written between 1599-1601. View an [1870 photograph](#) of actor Edwin Booth dressed in costume as Hamlet.

6. Question: Have you heard this limerick? "A wonderful bird is the pelican, His bill will hold more than his belican." Can you spot a *white pelican* flying on the mall?



Answer: In 1910 Dixon Lanier Merritt (1879-1972) wrote *The Pelican*. View an [1836 James Audubon drawing](#) of an **American White Pelican**.

7. Question: Can you find *three extinct animals*? What are they called?

Answer: Many species of **dinosaurs** roamed the earth millions of years ago. Examine a [1921 photo of a baby dinosaur skeleton](#) being prepared for a museum exhibition.



8. Question: Look for a *man wearing a watch and a ring with a red stone*. He is playing a musical instrument. His nickname is Satchmo. Who is he?

Answer: **Louis Armstrong** (1901 -1971), born in New Orleans, Louisiana, was a famous American jazz, cornet, and trumpet player, singer, bandleader, and popular entertainer. View a [1953 portrait of Louis Armstrong](#) playing the trumpet.



9. Question: Can you spot a *plate of toast*? And a *rabbit toasting*? What is the name of the rabbit? In what classic story does he appear?

Answer: The **March Hare** is one of the characters in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, written in 1865 by English author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll. Learn more by exploring the pages of the [Lewis Carroll Scrapbook](#).



10. Question: A green caterpillar is sitting comfortably on top of an *umbrella shaped fungus*. What is this fungus called? Can you spot two more in the poster?

Answer: The fungus is called a **mushroom**. In *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, the caterpillar said to Alice, "One side will make you grow taller, and the other side will make you shorter." "One side of what? The other side of what?" thought Alice to herself. "Of the mushroom," said the Caterpillar. View an image of a [molly moocher](#) – a type of mushroom. Examine a [mammoth mushroom made of straw](#) and [Mushroom Rock](#).



11. Question: This large *furry white mammal* is listed as threatened on the Endangered Species list. Can you spot two of them? What this mammal called?

Answer: In May 2008, the U.S. Department of the Interior classified the **polar bear** as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Documented declines in sea ice and anticipation of massive melting that threatens the bears' habitat prompted the action. View an early illustration of a [polar bear](#).



12. Question: Do you see a group of *battling soldiers*? Look carefully at the flag and the uniforms. What is the name of the war being fought? Whose side are these soldiers on?

Answer: This image depicts a **Civil War** scene with eight **Union soldiers**. One is carrying a Union flag. View historical photographs of a [group of Federal soldiers](#) and [Civil War artillery](#).



13. Question: Someone has come to the tea party wearing a *polka dot tie and a large hat*. Can you find him? What does the label on his hat say? What is this fictional character's name?



Answer: In Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* he is called the Hatter, but he is often referred to as the "**Mad Hatter**." The label on the Hatter's hat reads "In this style 10/6" – which refers to British money - ten shillings and six pence. This would indicate the price of the hat. View an early book illustration of [3 men working in a haberdashery or hat makers shop](#).

14. Question: The National Book Festival celebrates books and reading. *How many books* can you spot in this poster?

Answer: There are **11 books!** Have fun reading a selection of [digitized children's books](#) from the Rare Book and Special Collections division.



White Rabbit reading a book (1)



Alice in Wonderland book (2)



Dinosaur book (3)



Mad Hatter holding a book (4)



Nature book with flowers (5)



Moby Dick book (6)



Shakespeare sitting on a book (7) AND writing in a book (8)



Jazz book on right side of page (9)



Civil War book (10)



Partially open book on left side of poster (11)

15. Final Question: You've already located the United States Capitol Dome. Can you spot *another domed building*? What is the name of this building?



Answer: Great job! You spotted the [dome](#) of the **Thomas Jefferson Building** - part of the Library of Congress complex located near the U.S. Capitol. Learn some [fascinating facts](#) about the Library of Congress. Visit www.loc.gov to access more than 16 million digitized items.