

Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

A stylized illustration of a white lighthouse with a black spiral pattern on its tower, situated on a green island. A bright yellow beam of light emanates from the lighthouse's lantern room, shining across a blue sky. The background features a gradient of blue and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, there are green hills and a dark blue body of water.

Junior Ranger Program Booklet

Georges Island

A Map of Boston Harbor





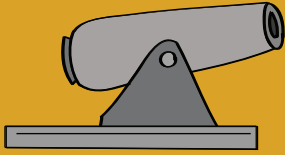
What is a Boston Harbor Islands Junior Ranger?

Park Rangers protect the natural and historic treasures of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area. As a Junior Ranger, you can help Park Rangers by exploring the islands, learning about their history, and helping to take care of this beautiful natural resource.

How To Become a Junior Ranger

- If you are . . .
 - 7 or under:* complete 3 or more activities
 - 8 - 12:* complete 5 or more activities
 - 12 or above:* complete 6 or more activities
- If possible, attend a park program such as a tour, hike, performance or activity
- Show your completed booklet to a park staff member, recite the Junior Ranger pledge together and receive a signature

Practice “Leave No Trace.” You can protect the park by guiding visitors to stay on the trails and off historic walls, by respecting wildlife and by carrying your trash off the island. Remember to always leave what you find, so the next visitor can enjoy the same!



GEORGES ISLAND

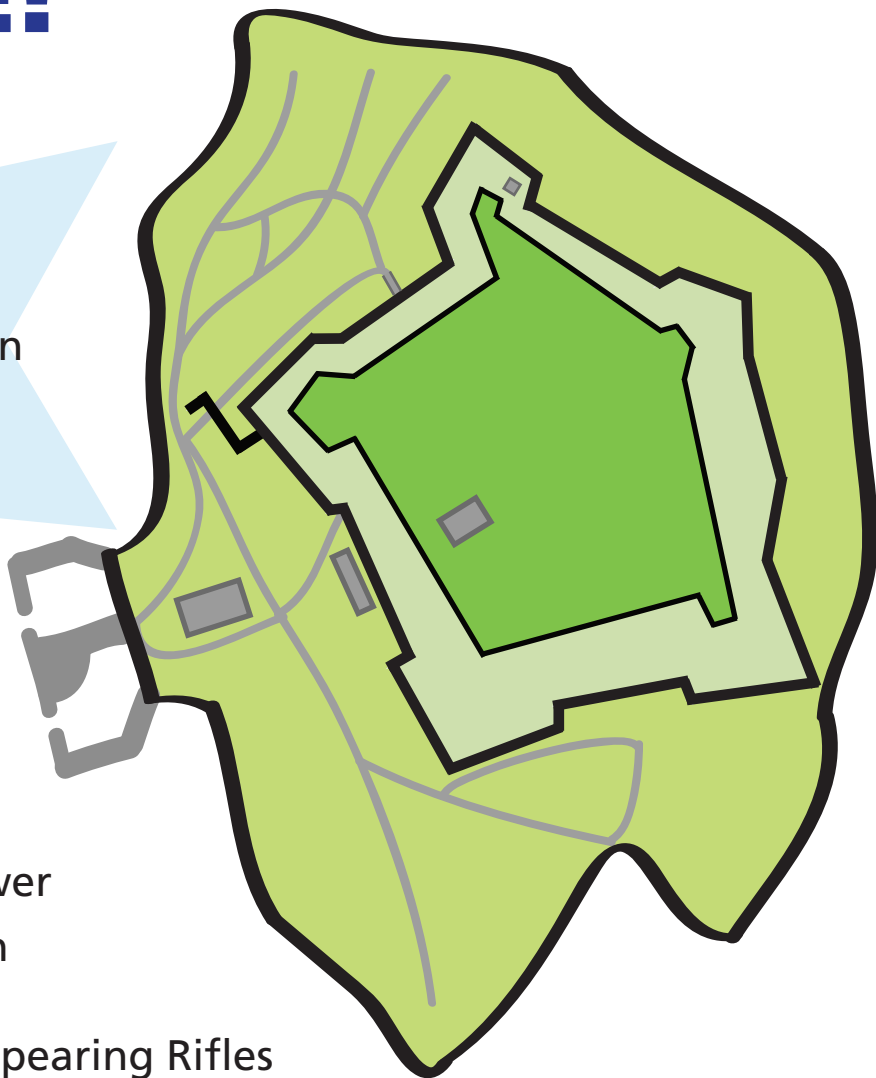
Imagine the world as you know it turned upside-down. Your country, state, town, and even your home have split into two. During the Civil War, the the nation split as the northern and southern states fought against each other in the bloodiest war America had ever seen.

In the years leading up to the war, Boston fortified its harbor to protect its crucial trade routes and port. When it became clear that battle would never reach as far north as Boston, Fort Warren was given a new purpose: a Confederate prison. The fort's great cannons were taken from the ramparts and sent overseas, and over 2,000 soldiers and prisoners from the south and west were locked up in the makeshift prison cells of Fort Warren.

Fort Warren continued to defend Boston Harbor throughout The First World War, the Second World War, and the Spanish American War. The island was used as a training facility well into the 20th century until its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1970.

Get OUT and MOVE!

Find these locations in and around Fort Warren and plot them on the island map!



1. Hospital
2. Observation Tower
3. Rodman Cannon

4. Disappearing Rifles

5. The "Dark Arch"

6. Bakery

7. Powder Magazine

8. Sally Port

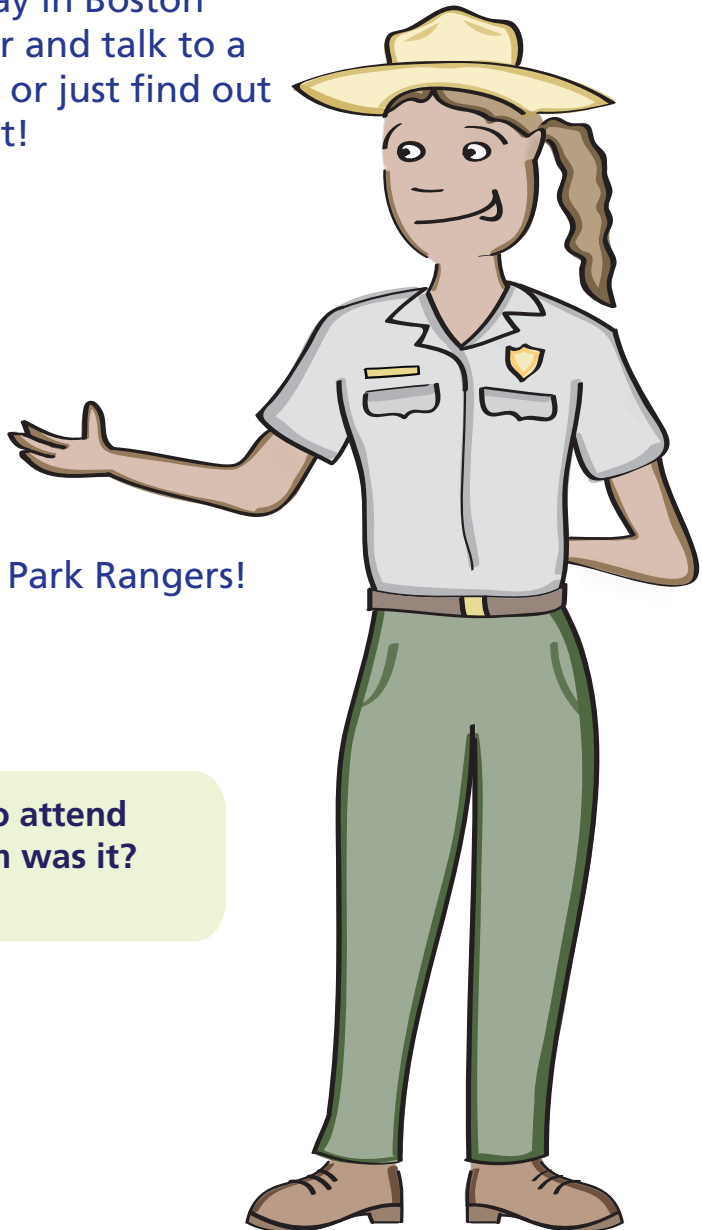
9. Guard House

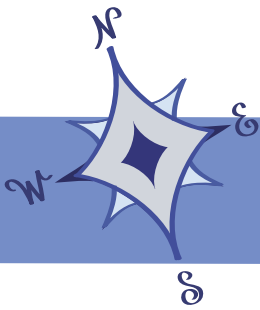
Conduct a Ranger Interview

As you prepare for an exciting day in Boston Harbor, stop by the Visitor Center and talk to a ranger, participate in a program, or just find out what you can do during your visit!

- What is your name?
- What does a Park Ranger do?
- Ask a question *you* have about Park Rangers!

If you can, find an activity to attend on the island. What program was it?
What did you do?





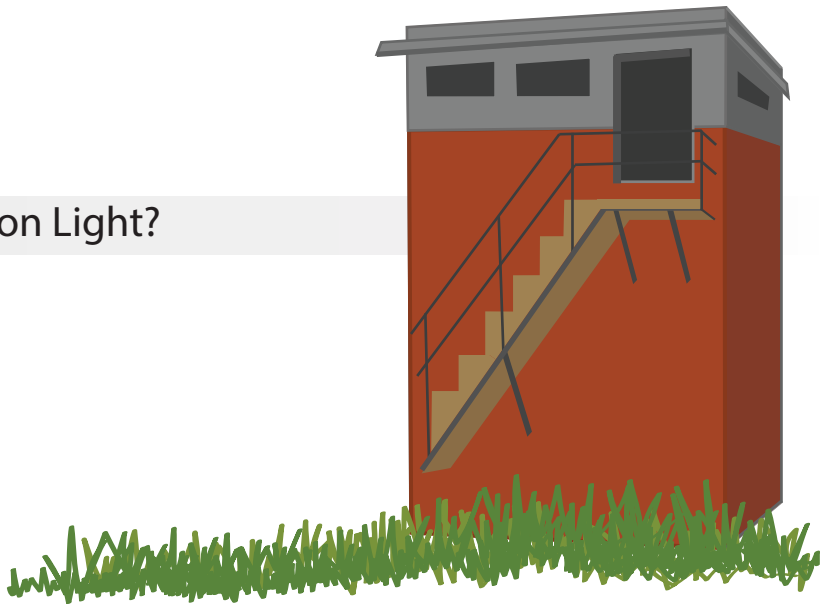
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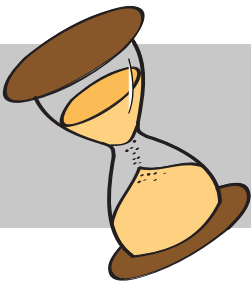
Fort Warren was built to keep Boston safe from enemy attack. Once you find the lookout tower, climb to the top and use the information there to help you answer the questions below!

Which island is the closest?

Which direction (North, South, East or West) is Boston?

Which direction is Boston Light?





1860 vs. Today

Below are two images of the fort during the Civil War. Find these two locations on the island and see if you can tell how they have changed!



The Guardhouse

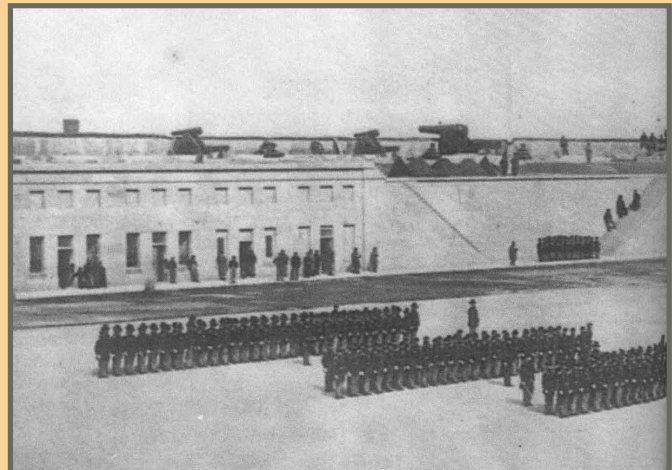
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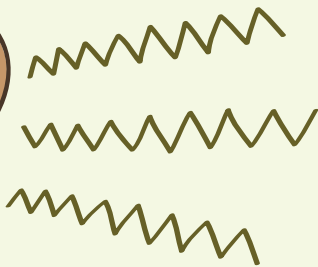
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The Parade Ground

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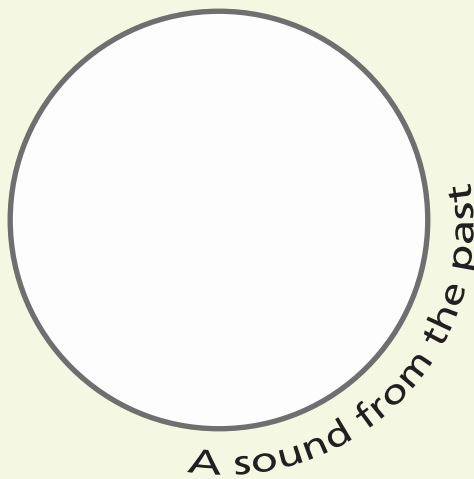
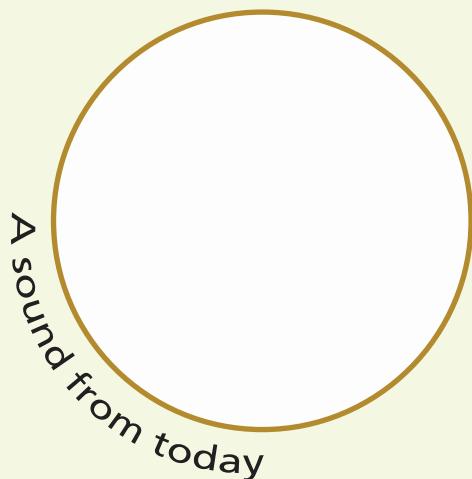
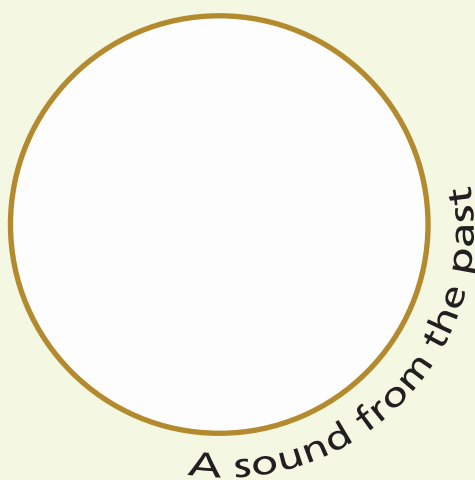
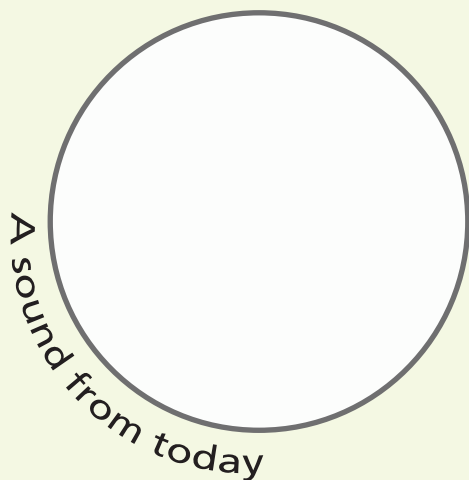
What looks different?





What's That Sound?

If you were standing on this island 150 years ago, what do you think you might have heard? What can you hear as you explore the island today? Use words or pictures to describe two sounds from the island's past, and two sounds from the present day!





Mealtime

Take a peek inside the Visitor Center to see what people ate while living at Fort Warren.

Who had the biggest meal?

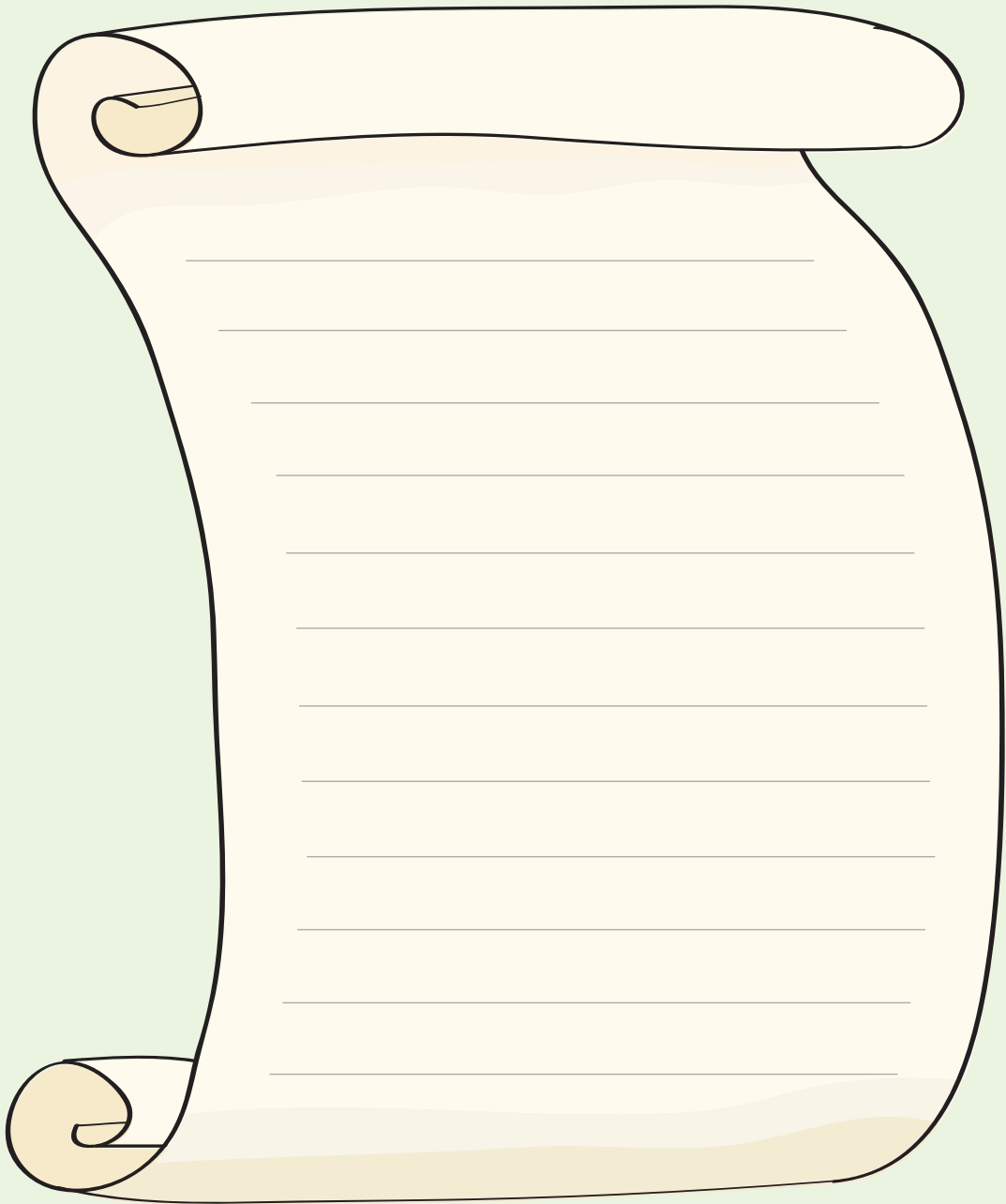
Who had the smallest meal?

Why didn't each person get the same meal?



Write a Letter

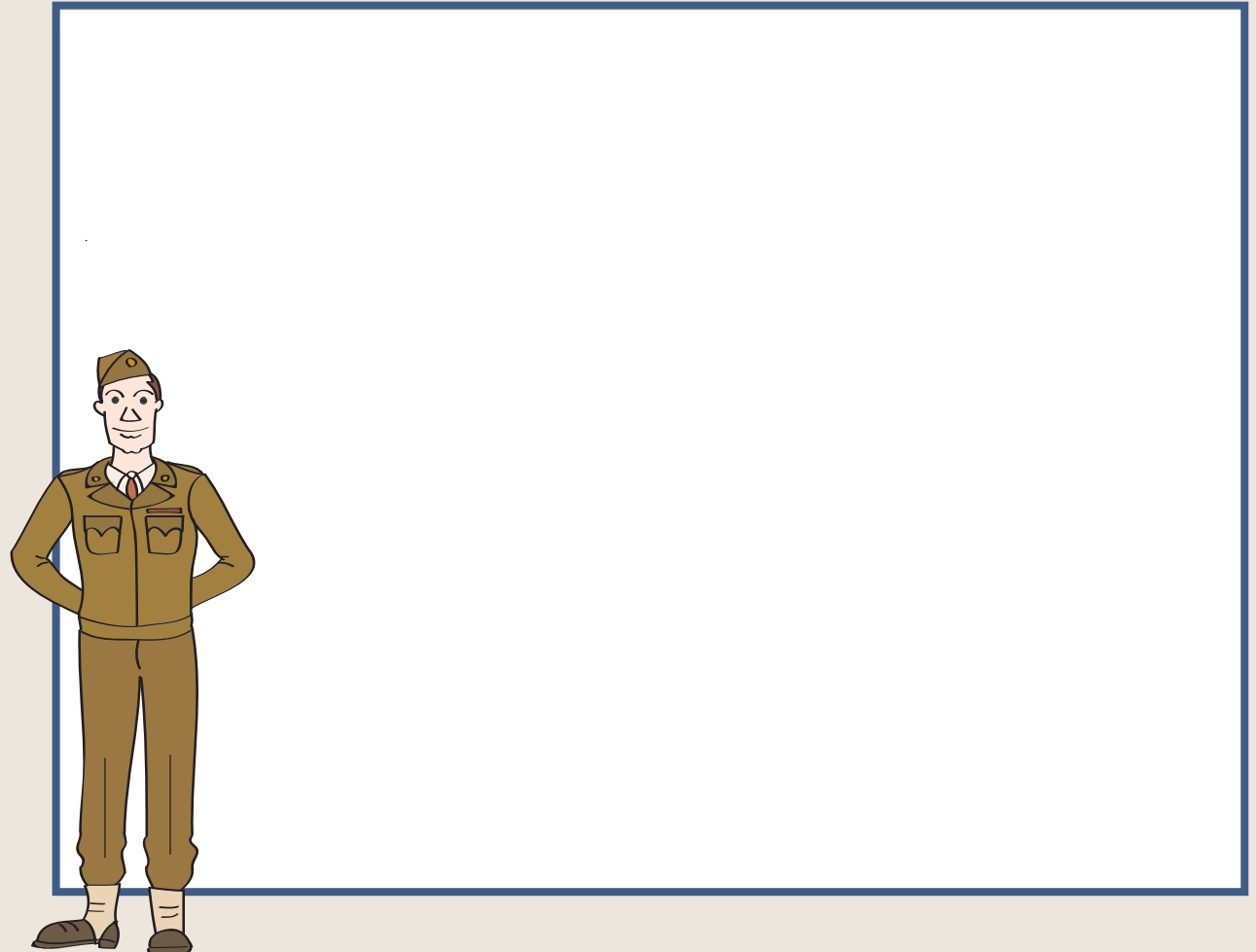
Imagine living on this island as a soldier or prisoner. Put yourself in someone else's uniform and describe what the fort is like. Are you well fed? Is the work hard? Do you miss your family?

A large, blank, scroll-like sheet of paper with horizontal lines for writing. The scroll is unrolled, showing a series of horizontal lines across its width. The edges of the scroll are slightly wavy, and the top and bottom edges are rolled up. The paper is a light cream color, and the lines are a light gray.

Life at the Fort

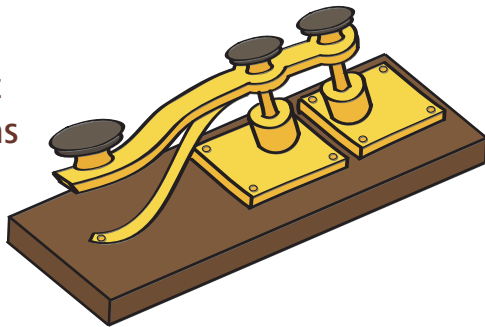
Many soldiers played games and sang songs to pass the long, tiring days at Fort Warren. During World War II, Bastion A – also known as the “Dark Arch” – was turned into a recreation hall to entertain soldiers, and included a movie screen and even a bowling alley.

Visit Bastion A and imagine what it looked like in the early 1940s. Are there a lot of soldiers there? What are they doing? Draw a cartoon below of what you think you might have seen!



Morse (De)Code

Before there were phones, computers or electricity, messages still needed to be sent quickly. In the early 1800s, Morse Code was developed in order to send messages over telegraph wires.



What was the name of the popular Civil War song that began on Georges Island? Use the key below to crack the code!

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Escape!

Help the prisoner find his way out of the fort without getting caught!



Bonus Question:

Has a prisoner ever successfully escaped from Georges Island?



As a
Junior Ranger,
I pledge to:

- Continue learning about the Boston Harbor Islands
- Actively explore and protect this park and other special places
- Share what I learn with my family and friends

Junior Ranger's Signature

Park Official's Signature



Bumpkin Island	Green Island	Nixes Mate	Sheep Island
Button Island	Hangman Island	Nut Island	Slate Island
Calf Island	Langlee Island	Outer Brewster Island	Snake Island
Deer Island	Little Brewster Island	Peddocks Island	Spectacle Island
Gallops Island	Little Calf Island	Raccoon Island	Thompson Island
Georges Island	Long Island	Ragged Island	Webb Memorial Park
Grape Island	Lovells Island	Rainsford Island	Worlds End
The Graves	Middle Brewster Island	Sarah Island	
Great Brewster Island	Moon Island	Shag Rocks	

Can't turn in this booklet in person? Make a copy of your completed booklet and send it with your name and address to:

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