

# Charles Town Heritage Festival Study Guide

This study guide has been created to augment the educational activities happening at the Charles Town Heritage Festival. We hope that this tool for parents, teachers and students will be fun and informative. It is designed to meet the needs of students from preschool to college and we encourage you to adapt these questions and facts to meet your students' educational needs.

## History of Charles Town

- ◆ What role did George Washington play in the settlement of what is now Jefferson County, WV?
- ◆ Who was Charles Washington?
- ◆ How many of George Washington's brothers lived in present day, Jefferson County?
- ◆ Is the Jefferson County Courthouse building the original courthouse built in 1803?
- ◆ What person, executed for treason during the Civil War, is buried in Mt. Zion Episcopal Church's graveyard?
- ◆ Who was the first African American to be given a battlefield commission in the United States Army?
- ◆ Who were "Rutherford's Rangers"?
- ◆ What future U.S. President was married just outside Charles Town in 1794 at the home of Samuel Washington?
- ◆ What is the Rural Delivery System?
- ◆ What infamous people were at the execution of John Brown following his Raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859?
- ◆ Who was the surveyor of the land on which Charles Town lies?
- ◆ Prior to World War II, only three prosecutions of American Citizens for treason took place in the United States, two of those trials took place in Charles Town. What were they?

**Did you know that settlement of Jefferson County started years before the founding of Charles Town in 1786? Shepherdstown, settled in 1719 and established in 1764, was the first settlement established in the Eastern Panhandle. Harpers Ferry was settled as early as 1734 and established in 1763.**

## Early Charles Town Tour: "West End"

- ◆ For whom is Charles Town named?
- ◆ What occurred in 1786 to found Charles Town?
- ◆ What is an Ordinary and why were they important in Colonial times?
- ◆ What is the stream that courses through Charles Town?
- ◆ Why was water critical to travelers and settlers in Colonial times?

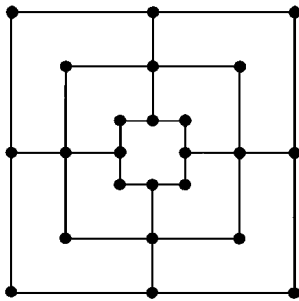
## Books on Charles Town History

- 📖 *Charles Town (Images of America)* by Dolly Nasby
- 📖 *A History of Jefferson County, West Virginia [1719-1940]* by Millard Kessler Bushong
- 📖 *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society Volumes I through LXXVI* published by JCHS





Did you know that children in the Colonial Era played many of the same games we play today?



### Colonial Children's Games/Peter Burr House

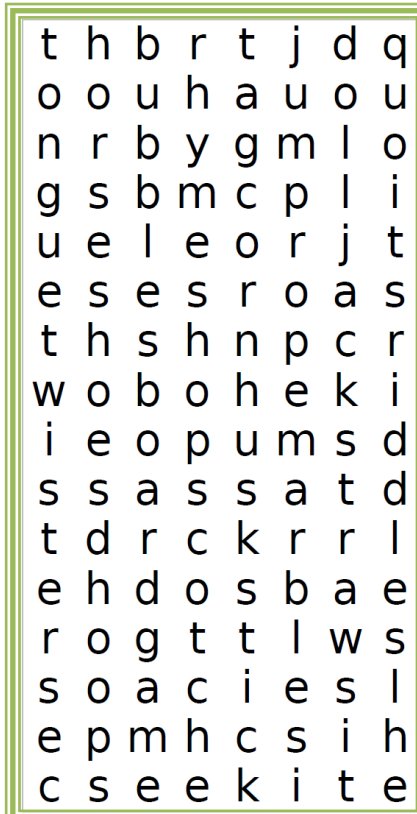
- ◆ Name some of the games that children played during the Colonial era.
- ◆ Where did Colonial children get their toys?
- ◆ What materials were used to make these toys and games?
- ◆ Who did Colonial children play with?
- ◆ Do you play any games today that children played during Colonial times?
- ◆ What is the significance of the Peter Burr House?
- ◆ Who was Peter Burr's infamous nephew?

### Books on Colonial children's games, toys and life

- 📖 *One Room School Games: Children's Games of Yesteryear* by Maxine Sewell Scarbro
- 📖 *Fun and Games in Colonial America* by Mark Thomas
- 📖 *Great Colonial America Projects You Can Build Yourself!* by Kris Bordessa
- 📖 *Child Life in Colonial Days* by Alice Morse Earle

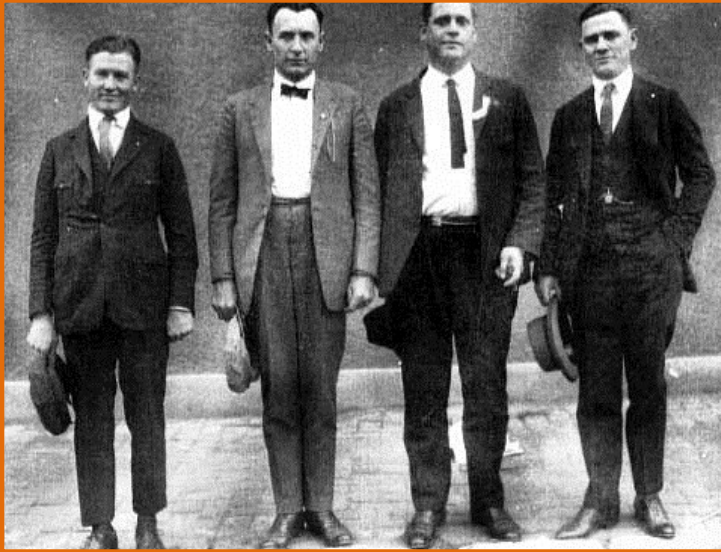
### Books on Peter Burr

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- rhymes
- horseshoes
- tag
- hoops
- stick
- hopscotch
- bubbles
- kite
- riddles
- boardgame
- tonguetwisters
- jackstraws
- quoits
- cornhusk
- doll
- jumprope
- marbles

## Did you know that Charles Town Has been host to two treason trials?



### Miners Treason Trial Play,

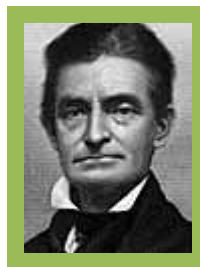
- ◆ What is treason?
- ◆ What prompted the miners to try to march upon Logan and Mingo Counties?
- ◆ What did the miners hope to achieve by organizing these coalfields?
- ◆ Why did the marchers reassemble after promising US Army General Bandholtz to return peacefully to their homes?
- ◆ If the charges were filed against the miners in Logan County, why were the accused miners brought to Jefferson County for trial?

### Books

- 📖 *When Miners March* by William C. Blizzard
- 📖 *The Mingo War: Labor Violence in Southern West Virginia Coalfields* by Daniel P. Jordan
- 📖 *Matewan Before the Massacre* by Rebecca Bailey
- 📖 *Life, Work, and Rebellion in the Coalfields: The Southern West Virginia Miners* by David A. Corbin

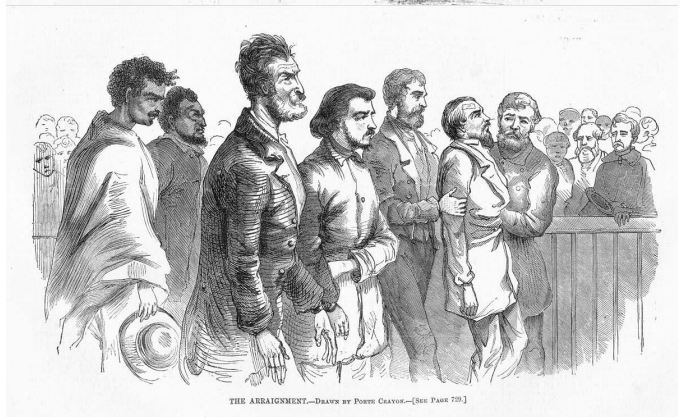
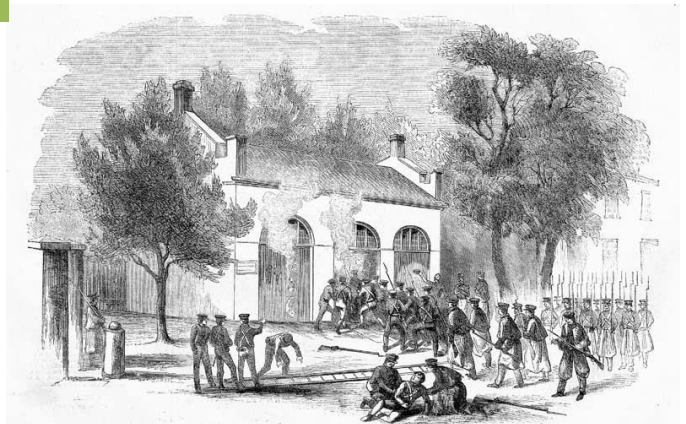
### John Brown

- ◆ What effect did the Fugitive Slave Act have on the abolitionist movement? How did this law help make violence seem unavoidable in the Underground Railroad?
- ◆ What was John Brown's attitude toward violence? How did he justify it? How did this attitude differ from that of the Quakers and other abolitionists?
- ◆ Discuss the effects of John Brown's raid in 1859.
- ◆ What infamous people were at the execution of John Brown following his Raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859?
- ◆ Why is John Brown so significant to the Civil War?



### Books

- 📖 *John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man who killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War and Seeded Civil Rights* by David S. Reynolds
- 📖 *John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry: A Brief History with Documents* by Jonathan Earle
- 📖 *Secret Six: The True Tale of the Men Who Conspired with John Brown* by Edwards J. Renehan Jr.
- 📖 *John Brown: His Fight for Freedom* by John Hendrix



THE ARRANGEMENT.—DRAWN BY JOHN GRAY.—[SEE PAGE 72.]

# How does your food go from farm to table?

## Cornbread Project

- ◆ What are the three major types of corn?
- ◆ In North America, who were the first growers of corn?
- ◆ True or False – Are field corn and wheat grown in Jefferson County, West Virginia?
- ◆ Match the following foods found in the grocery store to its farm source

Grocery Store	Farm Source
Flour	Dairy Cow
Margarine	Sugar Beet, Sugar Cane
Eggs	Wheat
Sugar	Chicken
Cornmeal	Soybeans
Milk	Field Corn

## Books

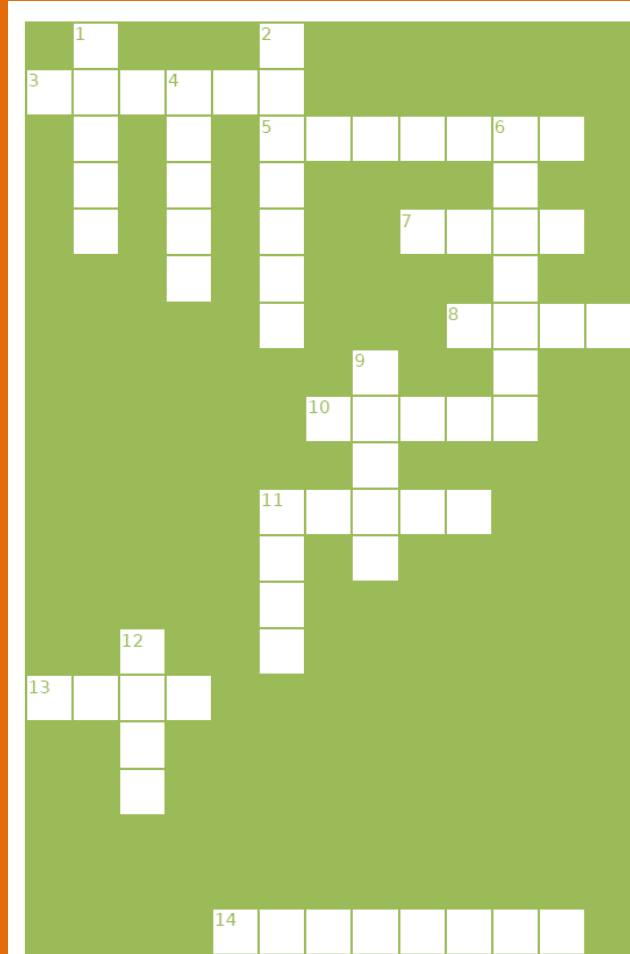
- 📖 *Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians* by Aliki
- 📖 *Corn* by Gail Gibbons
- 📖 *Popcorn* by Elaine Landau

## Farming and Agriculture

- ◆ Name 5 foods you might find at the Charles Town Farmer's Market
- ◆ Why is it good to buy food that is produced locally?
- ◆ What is a sheep's fur called? What is it good for?
- ◆ Name a few types of milk.
- ◆ What types of animals might you find on a Jefferson County farm?

## Books

- 📖 *A Farm of Her Own* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
- 📖 *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert
- 📖 *A Farm Through Time* by Angela Wilkes and Eric Thomas



## Across

- 3 a person who grows crops
- 5 major producer of eggs
- 7 male pig
- 8 baby sheep
- 10 traditional holiday water fowl
- 11 type of grain grown all over the world
- 13 type of cheese
- 14 type of flour made from corn

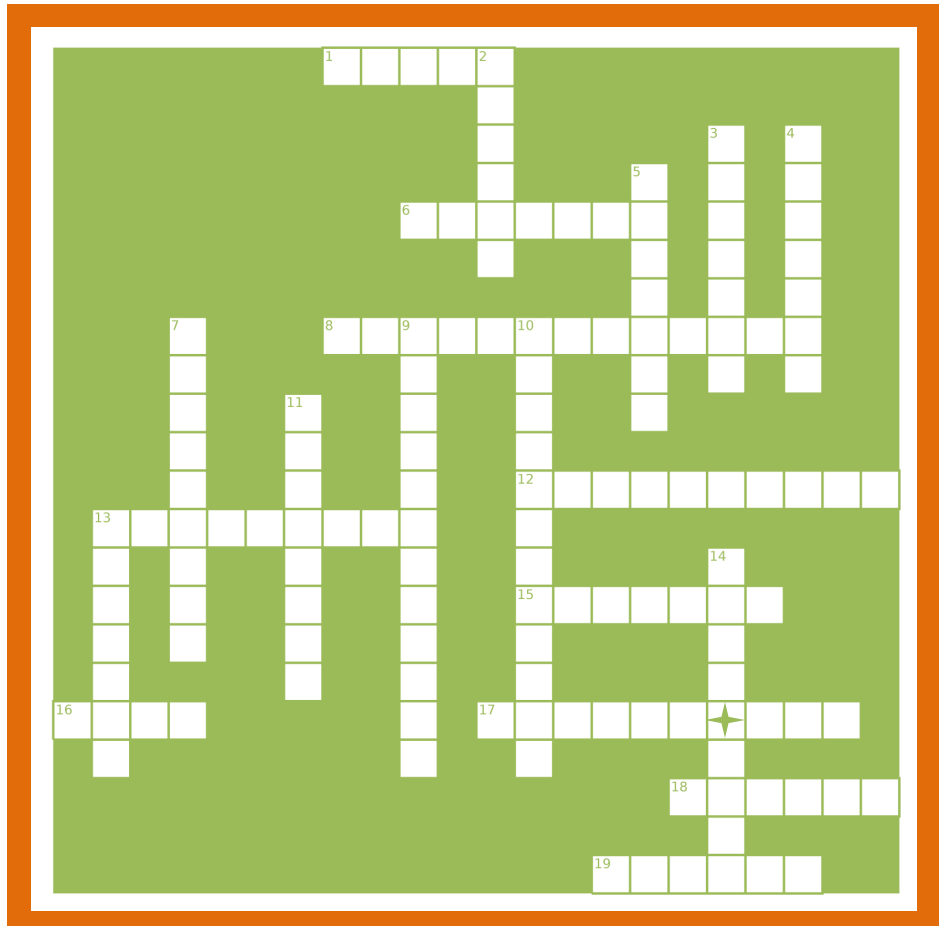
## Down

- 1 type of cattle used for milk and cheese
- 2 grove of fruit or nut trees
- 4 Native American word for corn
- 6 another name for soybeans
- 9 product from bees
- 11 type of fiber from sheep
- 12 female horse

# The Civil War in Charles Town

## Civil War Terms

- Across
- 1 To practice marching, military formations and the steps in firing and handling one's weapon
  - 6 Region or area where fighting takes place
  - 8 The officer who was responsible for supplying clothing, supplies and food for the troops
  - 12 The most common anesthesia used in the Civil War
  - 13 A slang term for a Confederate soldier; derived from the practice of dyeing homespun cloth in a mixture of walnuts and copper as to make a uniform of a brown, yellowish hue
  - 15 A place where weapons and other military supplies are stored
  - 16 Cap or hat worn by Civil War Soldiers as part of the uniform
  - 17 A common Southern term for "peanut"
  - 18 A Northerner; someone loyal to the Federal government of the United States
  - 19 Soldiers posted on guard ahead of a main force
- Down
- 2 A stretcher which was carried by two people and used to transport wounded soldiers
  - 3 The lowest rank in the army
  - 4 A branch of the military mounted on horseback
  - 5 A large group of soldiers usually led by a brigadier general
  - 7 Intestinal disease causing severe diarrhea, which was a leading cause of deaths by disease during the Civil War
  - 9 Someone who wishes to abolish or get rid of slavery
  - 10 Freedom from slavery
  - 11 A minor fight
  - 13 Weapon like a knife attached to front end of a musket or rifle
  - 14 Term used to describe the hard crackers often issued to soldiers of both sides during the Civil War. These crackers consisted of nothing more than flour, water, and salt



### Charles Town 1861-1865

- ◆ What role did Charles Town play in the lead up to the Civil War?
- ◆ What role did the Jefferson County Courthouse play in the Civil War?
- ◆ In which Charles Town skirmish was the courthouse destroyed?
- ◆ In 1864, Union General Phillip Sheridan met Commanding General Ulysses S. Grant at what Charles Town home?
- ◆ What individuals are buried in Edge Hill Cemetery that were related to the Civil War and the John Brown Raid?

### Books

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