

# ***Developing Houston: Photographic Treasures from the Cecil Thomson Collection***

Opening May 24, 2008  
San Jacinto Museum of History



## **Teacher's Guide**

This teacher's guide includes the following activities/information for teacher/student use to enhance the viewing of this exhibit:

- Pretest/Posttest (for use before and after the visit)
- Pretest/Posttest Answer Key
- Houston Explorer's Quest (questions to focus students' attention on some of the photographs and artifacts during the viewing of the exhibit)
- Answers to Houston Explorer's Quest
- For Fun: Thomson Exhibit Word Search and "Photograph" Puzzle

**Pretest/Posttest**  
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Match the word, phrase or name with terms below.

1. Photograph
2. Interurban
3. Import/Export
4. Houston Coliseum
5. Art Deco
6. Albert Finn
7. Houston Fat Stock Show & Rodeo
8. Houston Ship Channel
9. Esperson Building
10. Jesse Jones

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. architect who worked in Houston in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century whose work includes the San Jacinto Monument
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. method of transport between, or connecting, cities or towns via an electric railway
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. a decorative and architectural style of the period 1925-1940, characterized by geometric designs, bold colors, and the use of plastic and glass
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. 32-story building constructed by John Eberson in 1923 in the Italian Renaissance style
- \_\_\_\_\_ E. wealthy Houston banker, businessman, philanthropist and public official
- \_\_\_\_\_ F. a conduit between the continental interior and the Gulf of Mexico for petrochemical products and Midwestern grain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ G. played host to the Beatles and Elvis as well as many other important events in Houston
- \_\_\_\_\_ H. to bring in or ship out goods and materials for use in commerce
- \_\_\_\_\_ I. picture or likeness obtained by using a camera
- \_\_\_\_\_ J. first held in 1932, this event has been held at the Democratic National Convention Hall, the Houston Coliseum and the Astrodome

## Pretest/Posttest Answer Key

A. 6

B. 2

C. 5

D. 9

E. 10

F. 8

G. 4

H. 3

I. 1

J. 7

## Houston Explorer's Quest: Self-guided Student Search of the Exhibit

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ founded Houston at the head of tide on Buffalo Bayou to be the leading metropolis of the new nation of Texas.
2. Discovered south of Beaumont in 1901, \_\_\_\_\_ showed the world the potential oil wealth in Texas.
3. At its peak in the 1920s, the Houston Streetcar system operated \_\_\_\_\_ routes running over \_\_\_\_\_ miles of track.
4. In \_\_\_\_\_, the first traffic lights went into operation in downtown Houston to assist in regulating the increasing car traffic.
5. The first mass-produced American panoramic camera, the \_\_\_\_\_, was introduced in 1898.
6. After viewing panoramic photos and reading about panoramic photography, what makes these images different than other photos?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What style of architecture was a response from designers to the needs of ordinary citizens living in the modern world of cars, airplanes and automats?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Name two important Houston Art Moderne public buildings designed by Albert Finn that were demolished in the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. The 50,000th telephone was installed in Houston in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ changed the way cotton was cleaned and readied for processing. Prior to its invention, there were only two cash crops in America. They were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Coffee beans, which are really berries that come from several varieties of evergreen plants, are produced in warm areas near the equator such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The last company to refine sugar in Texas was the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. What are two other names that Hobby Airport has been called in the past?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. One of the most catastrophic events to occur in the Houston area in the 20<sup>th</sup> century occurred in 1947. Nearly 600 people died and there was an estimated property loss of over \$67 million. This event was the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Name three of the monuments and/or institutions in Hermann Park. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
16. What two styles of architecture were frequently used in the construction of Houston churches in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
17. What color was used the most in the decoration of Houston's Shamrock Hotel?
18. The USS San Jacinto served in the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean during World War II? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What theater was built by John Eberson in 1910 for \$300,000?  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. What term was used to describe those movies that began to come out in the late 1920s that had integrated sound with pictures? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers to  
**Houston Explorer's Quest:**  
**Self-guided Student Search of the Exhibit**

1. Augustus C. and John K. Allen
2. Spindletop
3. two dozen/90
4. 1922
5. Al-Vista
6. Allow photographer to show broad overviews of cities and landscapes
7. Art Moderne
8. Sam Houston Coliseum and Music Hall and the Jefferson Davis Hospital
9. 1926
10. cotton gin; tobacco and indigo
11. in Latin America, southeast Asia, and Africa
12. Imperial Sugar Company
13. Houston Municipal Airport; Howard Hughes Airport; Carter's Field
14. the Texas City Disaster
15. the Houston Zoo, golf course, Miller Outdoor Theatre; and the Sam Houston Monument. The Pioneer Memorial Obelisk, Jones Reflection Pool, the Hermann Park Miniature Train track expansion, the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science and many other responses not mentioned in the label text would also be acceptable.
16. Gothic and Romanesque Revival
17. green
18. Pacific
19. the Majestic Theatre
20. "talkies"

# THOMSON EXHIBIT WORD SEARCH

Words to Find:

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|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| ARTDECO    | BAYOU      | CAR        | COFFEE      |
| COLISEUM   | COTTON     | ESPERSON   | FINN        |
| FOLEYS     | GALVESTON  | GULF       | HISTORY     |
| HOUSTON    | INTERURBAN | JONES      | MAIN        |
| MAJESTIC   | MONUMENT   | MUSEUM     | OIL         |
| PHOTOGRAPH | RODEO      | SANJACINTO | SHIPCHANNEL |
| SUBURBAN   | TEXAS      | THEATERS   | THOMSON     |

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O K C O C V D H A P E S A E P Y K I H T  
S L L K F O O N W N Y L S M M W M U V D  
R A R T D E C O N E V H M U E S U M P G  
E D S J C G L A L E P O E E F F O C W O  
P I E W Y J H O S H G U L F L D C I I C  
S N A F X C F T O R P S M D Q R N L D S  
E N E M P S O T Q J M D F E C R Q V G N  
P C C I Y N O T H O M S O N O Z Q G A R  
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W S C A R Z S P C E F K Q O T V O J T N  
G Y N A B R U B U S C M C P O N H F U O  
L W P K O S V N O E I A K U N V N N W T  
R H V H I W I N T E R U R B A N Y I H S  
C I T S E J A M Q Q W L G M V S C A F U  
M E M Q B Y T H E A T E R S A I J M T O  
M O N U M E N T S Y O L T U O Y A B Q H  
B T E X A S V Y Y R O T S I H L T U P U  
O E D O R M U E S I L O C A A F Z B C L  
V L H A L U A Y J R R L O S M G X Z C X

Using the letters found in the word, "Photography," create as many words as you can. Example: ray, hart, gator.

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