



Smithsonian
Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage

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Scavenger Hunt Activity for grades 4-6 from using
the 2012 Smithsonian Folklife Festival's Campus and Community
Interactive Timeline Website

Do you like **scavenger hunts**? This scavenger hunt is going to take you through time from the 1860's to today to discover answers to questions about some special places and events. [The Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage Web site](#) for the [2012 Folklife Festival's Campus and Community program](#) has created an interactive **timeline** that you will use to answer a set of questions. A timeline is a way of displaying a list of events in **chronological order** (by year). Our timeline is divided into **decades** (each ten years) starting in the 1860's and ending in the 2000's. It has important events in order described under the year they happened.

As you travel through time and search for the answers to the scavenger hunt questions and give your opinions, you will learn more about **land-grant universities** and the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**. Did you know they help your life every day through their ground-breaking research to find cleaner burning fuels to save the planet, creating 4-H clubs for kids to learn about everything from robotics to farm animals, discovering new ways to grow foods that resist pests, creating safe drinking water for people all over the world and many other amazing things?!

Instructions: You can slide the bar across or click on each decade to see a different picture and read the information about a series of events. To read the photo **caption**, click on the little plus sign (+) in the bottom left corner. You can test drive the timeline by clicking on the [2012 Smithsonian Folklife Festival's Web site](#): http://www.festival.si.edu/2012/campus_and_community/timeline.aspx. When you are familiar with how the timeline works, begin your scavenger hunt with the questions below. Write the answers in your own words and enjoy your travel through over 150 years of US History!

- 1. Why did The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities launch the Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative in 2008?**
- 2. In 1997, what university was the first to clone an animal from adult cells? What kind of animal was it?**
- 3. What was the “person of the year” for Time Magazine’s cover in 1983? Why is this significant?**
- 4. What chemical was banned from the United States in 1972 as a result of the first Earth Day in 1970?**

5. Name three major historical events from the 1960's that were influenced by land-grant university students or that inspired these students to action. Also indicate the year they occurred.

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6. Who launched the first artificial satellite in 1957? How did that event affect university programs?

7. Name four influences that World War II had on universities.

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8. Explain the purpose of President Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal" initiative in 1933.

9. Which university celebrated the first Women's Day in 1923?

10. Victory gardens were created during World War I. Who planted them and what were they?

11. What key roles did the USDA and the land-grant universities play during World War I (1914-1918)?

12. What is the “Tomato Club”?
1902

13. What events impacted African Americans during the 1880’s and 1890’s?

14. A significant event in women’s history happened at (what are now) Oregon State University, University of Illinois and Michigan State University in the 1870’s. What was it?

15. What was the Morrill Act and explain its function. Why was the amendment in 1866 important?

16. What university has a stained glass window of President Lincoln signing the Morrill Act?

Additional open ended questions for discussion:

17. Would you like to study at a land grant university? Why or why not?

18. What technological advancements in our society now (such as cell phones, social media, 3-D technology, biofuels) do you think will have the biggest affect on our society?

19. Some things I still wonder about the USDA and land-grant universities are: