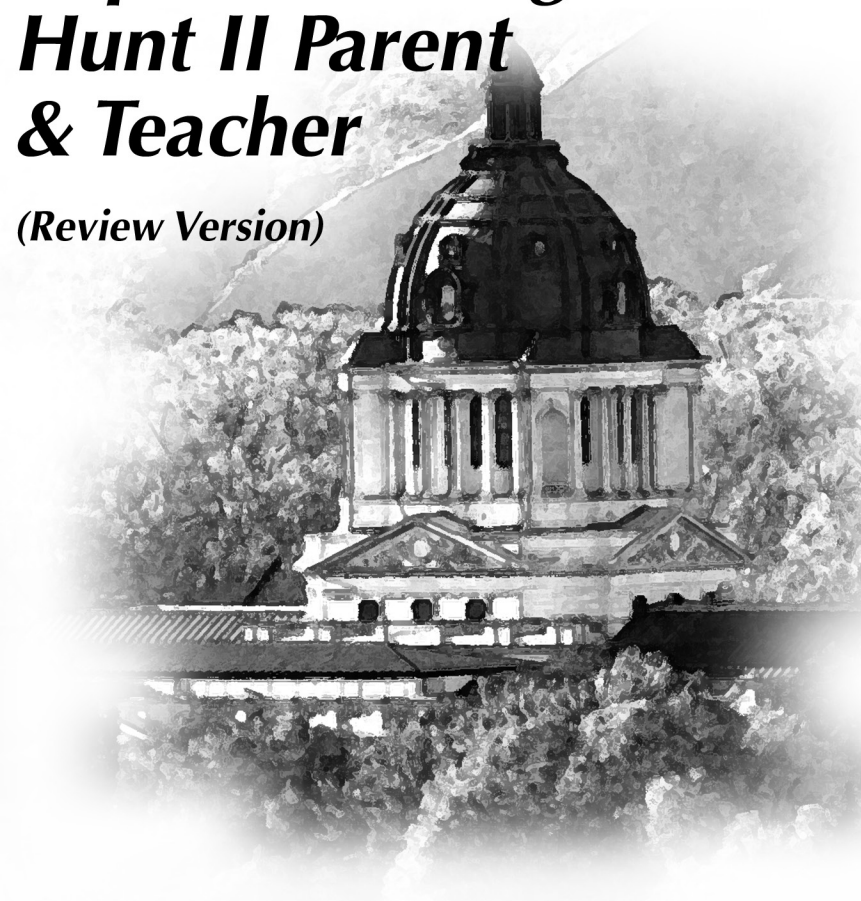




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(Review Version)



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This scavenger hunt has been designed to provide children visiting the South Dakota State Capitol with an educational and entertaining experience.

START at the Main Entrance located on the south side of the Capitol. (You will enter the 2nd floor at this entrance.)

Have FUN and look at all the cool stuff in the Capitol as you complete the scavenger hunt. Good Luck!

1. Why was South Dakota on the front of the South Dakota State Capitol Building spelled "SOVTH DAKOTA"? (Hint: Look at the arches, columns and visual details incorporated into the exterior construction of the Capitol).
 - a. The Shape of the "V" was easier to cut when using stone.
 - b. It was an oversight during construction that wasn't recognized until completion in 1910.
 - c. The "V" represents the classical influence on the Capitol design.
 - d. South Dakota was originally spelled Sovth Dakota when it was a territory.

South Dakota is spelled with a "V", (SOVTH DAKOTA). The "U" in SOUTH DAKOTA is a Latin "V" reflecting the building's classical influences.

Enter the Capitol

2. In what year did South Dakota become a state? **The South Dakota State Seal on the ceiling of the Capitol entrance indicates 1889; there is additional information in a glass display near the entrance.**





Make your way to the Rotunda (large circular area below the dome).

3. Look up – there are eleven flags and one staff hanging in the Rotunda. Pay special attention to the white, red, black and yellow flags. Many Native Americans believe there are seven directions and the Plains Indian Tribes have used colors to represent the directions. The colored flags represent four of the seven directions.

There are 11 flags and 1 staff hanging in the Rotunda. White represents North or “the direction from which snow comes;” red is East or “the direction of the rising sun;” yellow is South or “the direction from which the sun shines;” black is West or “the direction from which thunder comes.” For more detailed information about the flags hanging in the Rotunda look at page 8 of the “Self Guided Tour Script of South Dakota State Capitol Building.” (Note: during the holiday season the flags are removed)

You need to stand directly below the flag that represents west, the direction from which thunder comes. **Black is west or “the direction from which thunder comes.”** Then look across the center of the Rotunda and name the statue you see. **The statue is called “Courage.”** (Hint: The name of one of the 18 lunettes (half-circle murals) found in the Capitol includes the color white, red, yellow or black. Find the lunette with a color in its title. Then go to the flag with the corresponding color. The lunettes are located in the main entrance of the Capitol and in the west and east corridors of the Rotunda). Name the lunette **Black Hills, located just inside the main entrance on the west wall.**

Make your way to the center of the Rotunda.



4. A sculpture (statue) in your view portrays a person who helped provide a place for you to learn. Name the person. **General W.H.H. Beadle - In 1879, General W.H.H. Beadle became Superintendent of Public Instruction. Beadle drafted the school lands provision at the South Dakota Constitutional Convention of 1885. His journeys through the territory and his previous frontier experience convinced him that school lands were a trust for future generations and should be sold at their appraised value and never for less than \$10 an acre. He is truly worthy to be considered the father of school and public lands in this state for his efforts to ensure the education of our state’s future children by reserving a portion of every section of land for them. He was known as the “Savior of the School Lands.”**

5. Now you must find the next location. Figure out how old the “Savior of the School Lands” was when he died. Then divide this number by 11 and subtract 6; go to this floor.

$$1915-1838 = 77; 77/11 = 7; 7-6 = 1$$

Notice that the ceiling of this floor has prism glass which allows light to pass through it. Natural light from the dome is great, but it can warm things up. Don’t get dehydrated; make sure you get a drink of water from a water fountain on each floor.

6. Make your way to the Governor’s Gallery, located in the west and east corridors. Who became Governor in 1978? **We are looking for Harvey Wollman (the students may pick Richard Kneip; they will realize their answer is incorrect when they get to question number 7). A hint could be given if you want to save time – the governor they are looking for is wearing one ring not two.**

In 1978--Richard Kneip became the first man to resign as governor when he resigned the office in July 1978 to become U.S. Ambassador to Singapore. Kneip was the fifth non-Republican governor and only the fourth Democrat to be



governor. Harvey Wollman, Richard Kneip's lieutenant governor, became the first man to serve as governor without being elected to the office. Wollman became governor upon Kneip's resignation. Kneip's resignation came seven weeks after Wollman was defeated in the Democratic primary for governor. Wollman served as governor for just over five months until the inauguration of William Janklow in January 1979.

Who was Governor when South Dakota became a state? **Arthur C. Mellette** – Governor Mellette has the distinction of being the governor of both the Dakota Territory and the State of South Dakota. Who is the current Governor? **Time dependent.**

7. Locate the First Lady Inaugural Gown Collection. What was the color of the gown worn by the 1978 First Lady from question #6? **White** (Hint: your answer should have five letters, not four. Check to make sure you selected the Governor we are looking for. There were two Governors in 1978.) **Mrs. Harvey Wollman wore a white dress and Mrs. Richard Kneip wore a light blue dress.**

Great work so far, but we are just getting started!

According to legend, 66 Italian artists each inserted a blue "signature stone" while they were installing the terrazzo tile flooring throughout the Capitol Building. Only 55 of the 66 stones have been found – see how many you can find during the scavenger hunt! To get you started, a "signature stone" is found on the first floor in front of the double doors leading to the basement. (**Under the marble staircase – north of the gown display**)

8. Make your way to the second floor and stand on the triangle in the center of the Rotunda. Look down. **Bonus - How many pieces of prism glass do you see on the floor? 6,384 pieces of glass** What is a function of the prism glass? **Prism glass allows light to pass through.**



9. Look up, you should notice three small chandeliers attached to the ceiling of the 3rd floor. Go to this floor. Two of the chandeliers are replicas (made to look original). The two replicas look the same, but they are a little different than the original. Go to the location of the original chandelier. How many gold colored leaves cover the main body of the chandelier? **6** Draw the chandelier.



Original



Replica

Describe how the replicas are different than the original? **The replicas are found in front of the House and Senate. The original is found in front of the Page Office at the South end of the Rotunda. The replicas have four light bulbs and the original has three. The main body of the original is covered by six brass leaves. The main body of the replica design is a brass dome with decorative leaves near the ceiling.**

10. Look across the Rotunda toward the Grand Staircase. There are two large circular murals of Greek goddesses. What are the two goddesses holding? **Corn and a bull** Which South Dakota livelihood do the murals represent? **Agriculture (farming); the mural called Agriculture features the goddess Ceres holding a stalk of corn; the mural called Livestock includes the Phoenician princess Europe and the roman god Zeus, who is in the form of a bull.**

11. Are there more Senators or Representatives? **Representatives** Go to the location where this larger group meets during session. How many are there? **70 (count desks on the floor)** Who represents your district? **Each district will be different.**



In South Dakota, the two bodies are the Senate and the House of Representatives. The state Constitution provides that the Senate shall consist of not fewer than 25 or more than 35 members and that the House shall consist of not fewer than 50 or more than 75 members. Currently, the Senate has 35 members and there are 70 members of the House of Representatives.

12. Floors 1-3 have decorative H₂O (water) fountains. Which floor has the most decorative fountain design? **2 (subjective)**
Draw it.

13. Name the Senator who represented Turner County in 1893?
Isom H. NewBy – A flip file of past legislatures is located on the 3rd floor; proceed from the top of the Grand Staircase to the right. (Hint: Look at the board near the House of Representatives).

Make your way to the Senate Chamber

14. How many Senators are there? **35 (count desks on the floor)** Who represents your district? **Each district will be different.**

15. What design is found on many of the door knobs in the capitol, including the push plates of the Senate Chamber doors?
South Dakota State Seal



16. Look very closely at the push plate. The end product of something shown on the seal of the push plate can be seen in the design of the stained glass vault above the Grand Staircase or the stained glass above the Senate Chamber. Is the South Dakota product shown on the door knob design found in the Grand Staircase design or the Senate Chamber design? **Grand Staircase** What is the product and how many are shown? **Corn, 30 ears** (Hint: If you need a closer look at the Senate Chamber design, go to the 4th floor gallery of the Senate Chamber for a closer look.)

17. What type of animal is found in the artwork of the House of Representatives? (Be patient – this may take a little time).
A Bird (eagle) is painted on the front wall of the House of Representatives.

18. Which gallery appears more open, the House or the Senate?
The Senate has an open column design and the House has an arch design Which design uses arches? **House** Which design uses columns? **Senate**

19. How many blue "signature stones" have you seen? **Answers will vary** Hint: If you would like to see another, stand in front of the H₂O (water) fountain by the Senate Chamber – walk toward the radiator by the window. There is a blue tile approximately 3 feet from the radiator.

In the 1980s, the tiles you are standing on were repaired. The craftsmen who completed the work left a signature stone (tile). Which of the following signature stones did they use?

- A. Circle
- B. **Heart**
- C. Clover
- D. Spiral

One of the special tiles is centered in the mosaic of tiles leading into the Senate Lobby. What is the color of this special tile? **The tile in front of the Senate Lobby is white.**





A second special tile is located on the fourth floor near a door leading into the Gallery of the Senate Chamber. This tile may be covered by a rug. (Hint: Look near a fire extinguisher located close to a radiator.) What is the color of this special tile? **This heart shaped tile is black; you may notice the following initials in the same location – GT and TT. The initials were installed by some of the craftsman without permission.**

20. One of the balusters supporting the railing of the Grand Staircase was installed upside-down. Find the upside-down baluster and describe its location. **The upside-down baluster is located on the right (east) side of the Grand Staircase, 3rd from top.**

Bonus

Draw and describe the coolest thing you saw or learned while visiting the Capitol.

Great Job! We hope you enjoyed the hunt.

For more information about the South Dakota State Capitol complete the "Self Guided Tour Script of South Dakota State Capitol Building" which is available at the South Dakota State Capitol or visit South Dakota Bureau of Administration at <http://www.state.sd.us/boa/> or Our Statehouse: A Capitol Idea at <http://sdpb.sd.gov/CapitolIdea/>.

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