A REMARKABLE PORTRAIT
SCAVENGER HUNT
SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12)
INSTRUCTIONS

Painted by Mexican artist Octavio Ocampo and gifted to President Carter by Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo in 1979, this portrait of the 39th President has a long, detailed story to tell about the United States. Using the descriptions below, identify the images embedded in the painting and explore the primary source links to answer the accompanying questions.

1. This National Monument was planned to be unveiled in celebration of the United States’ Centennial. Review the document at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/595444 and examine the item description; did it arrive on time? What date was it officially gifted?

2. These vessels were critical in supporting U.S. commerce and trade through much of the 19th Century. Examine the document found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/2641467; what does the Collector “...solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear” regarding what is listed on the document?

3. This event commemorating U.S. independence is marching by the rural Georgia town the Carters continue to call home (name event and town). Examine the document found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6922223; what is Mr. Stone doing?

4. This national symbol has the highest number of nesting sites in Alaska, followed by Florida. Access the artifact image found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/596742; what symbol is this bird embedded in?

5. This famous building hosts 100 members in the Senate Chamber and 435 members in the House of Representatives. View the document at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/518221 and identify what happened to this building during the War of 1812.
6. With Washington D.C. still undeveloped, our first President took the oath of office in this building in the city formerly known as “New Amsterdam”. Referring to the document at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1656617, on what date did Washington take the oath of office?

7. Constitutional questions about laws are decided in this building by nine individuals who were nominated by a President and confirmed by the Senate. Review the document found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/186544 and identify the additional issue concerning President Eisenhower.

8. This iconic building had a “West Wing” addition constructed in 1902 to accommodate growing staff (and occupant’s family). Visit https://catalog.archives.gov/id/199062 and identify which President took the oath of office in this building due to unforeseen circumstances.

9. Jimmy Carter commanded one of the first two submarines in U.S. Naval History powered by the same type of energy generated at this type of facility. Closely inspect the first page of the document found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/281568 and identify what is “locked in the heart of the atom.”

10. Both the United States Declaration of Independence and Constitution were debated and adopted at this site which is now a National Historical Park in the “Keystone State”. View https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6816392; what other famous American symbol can be viewed at this site?

11. This National Memorial was carved out of the Black Hills in South Dakota. Read the telegram found at https://catalog.archives.gov/id/301974 and identify the famous Black Hills native mentioned and what happened to them according to this document.