

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUN:**  
**TEST YOUR CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA,**  
**HISTORY KNOWLEDGE**

**Let's start from the beginning - literally. Circle the correct answer. Give it your best guess.**

**NOTE:** Answers and credits will be given and acknowledged in the June Ambassador.

- 1) In what year was Charles Town (the city's founding name) established?
  - 1630
  - 1670
  - 1680
  - 1710
- 2) Which Charleston plantation is home to the nation's oldest landscaped gardens?
  - Boone Hall
  - Drayton Hall
  - Magnolia Plantation
  - Middleton Place
- 3) In its early days, Charleston earned the moniker of the "Holy City." Where did the nickname originate?
  - Because of its origins for religious diversity
  - Due to the many steeples that may be seen in the skyline
- 4) On which Charleston street will you find the iconic Rainbow Row, the pastel-colored private residences that make up the longest cluster of Georgian row houses in the United States?
  - Ann Street
  - East Bay Street
  - King Street
  - Queen Street
- 5) Charleston has been home to many famous figures, but who of the following has never called Charleston home?
  - George Gershwin
  - Margaret Mitchell
  - Samuel Morse
  - Edgar Allan Poe
- 6) At which Charleston site did the first shots of the Civil War ring out?
  - Fort Lamar
  - Fort Moultrie
  - Fort Sumter
  - The Battery
- 7) Charleston boasts many firsts within the United States. Which of the following isn't a Charleston first?
  - First bank
  - First museum
  - First playhouse
  - First public college
- 8) You might notice that many of the city's historic buildings feature adornments on the side of the buildings in the shape of circles, crosses, and stars. What is the purpose of these?
  - These are purely decorative and reflected the architectural fashion of the time.
  - The different shapes of the bolts were symbolic and showcased the homeowner's allegiance during wartimes.
  - These are earthquake bolts, meant to protect the structure in the event of an earthquake.
  - The bolts were used to date the buildings. The number of bolts that appear on a building correlate to the 19th century decade when the building was completed.
- 9) What is the name of the seawall that overlooks Charleston Harbor and Fort Sumter?
  - Charleston Blockade
  - Harbourview Wall
  - High Point
  - The Battery
- 10) Charleston is home to many private residences with dreamy piazzas. If you look up, you might notice that many porch roofs are painted sky blue. What is the reason behind this popular hue selection?
  - Indigo, a popular crop grown in Charleston, gave rise to dying many things in varying hues of blue. This was reflected in architecture and interior decor.
  - Superstition held that evil spirits could not cross water. This pale blue, meant to mimic water, was to prevent them from entering a house.
  - The blue roof was intended to make the roof look as if it was an extension of the sky on a sunny day.
  - It is believed that the color blue repels pests such as mosquitos and wasps.