

# Castle Clinton National Monument

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### Junior Ranger Certificate

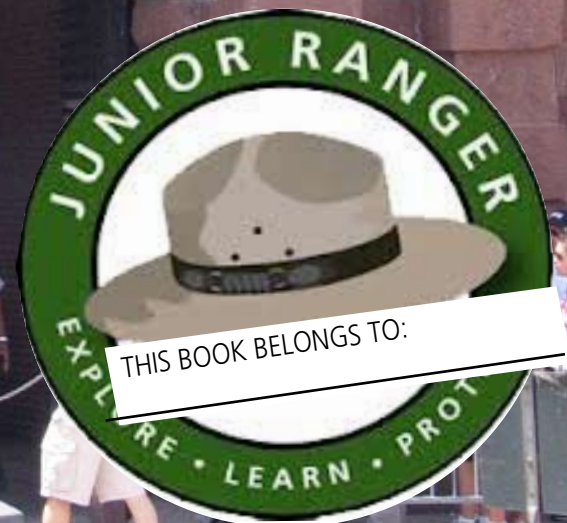


I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
promise to share what I have  
learned today with others.  
I will explore, preserve and  
protect America's  
National Parks, so that through  
my stewardship, they will be  
preserved for future  
generations.

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JUNIOR RANGER

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CERTIFYING PARK RANGER

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

# Welcome to Castle Clinton National Monument

This book is your guide to becoming a JUNIOR PARK RANGER at Castle Clinton National Monument.

To earn your badge:

- 1 Explore the site.
- 2 Children ages 4-7 must complete at least 3 activities and ages 8+ must complete all the activities.
- 3 Parents are welcome to assist, but we encourage children to complete the booklet on their own.
- 4 Find a Park Ranger to sign your certificate.

*Let the Fun Begin!*

You can use the space above to stamp your book with the official Castle Clinton passport stamp.



### did you know?

Castle Clinton National Monument is one of more than 400 national parks across the country and one of 22 special destinations in the 10 parks that make up the National Parks of New York Harbor.

# Experience Your America...

The National Park Service began to care for Castle Clinton National Monument in 1946. This site is a place to reflect on the ever changing needs of a young country, from defense to entertainment to immigration management.

National Park Rangers care for all National Parks, but it is a job we cannot do alone. The stewardship of the American people is vital to the well-being of our national treasures.

What are some things YOU can do to help care for our National Parks?

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*Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care.*

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*try this later!*



Color in the arrowhead when you get home!

The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service.

The sequoia tree and the bison represent nature, the mountains and water represent recreation, and the arrowhead represents history and archeology.

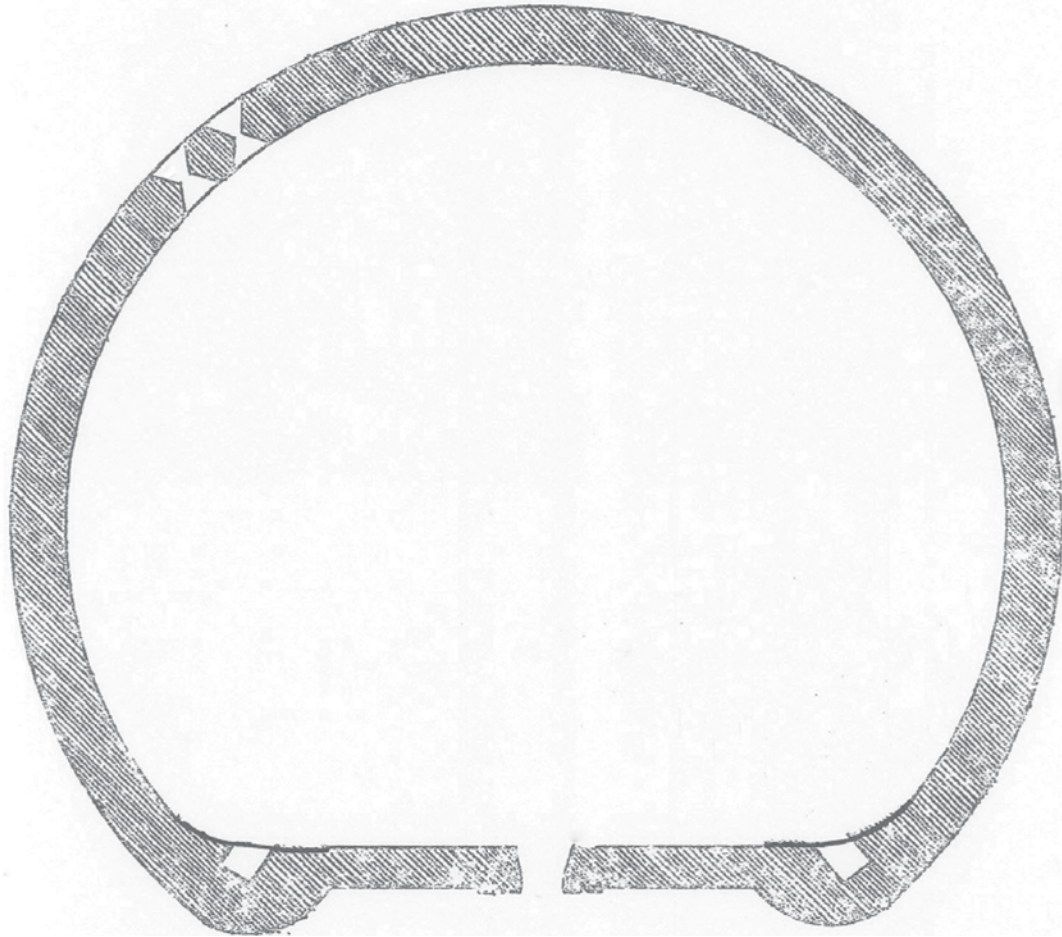
The emblem symbolizes the values of National Park Rangers.



**Congratulations!** You have completed the JUNIOR PARK RANGER guide for Castle Clinton National Monument. Present your completed booklet to a Park Ranger and receive your badge.

## Picture This

Find pictures of Castle Clinton back when it was an aquarium. Draw in the pools containing the Beluga whale, seals and penguins.



## Bird Watching

Did you know that Castle Clinton is a favorite spot for kestrels, red tailed hawks, pigeons and house sparrows to hang out? See if you can spot one of each, but don't worry if you don't. Hawks and kestrels visit the Castle at different times.



## Built For Defense, Used for Many Things

This fortification was built in preparation for the War of 1812. Later, it was adapted to fit the needs of a growing city. What do you think of its different jobs and names?

Southwest Battery \_\_\_\_\_



Castle Garden \_\_\_\_\_



Castle Garden as Opera House \_\_\_\_\_



Castle Garden as Immigration Station \_\_\_\_\_



New York Aquarium \_\_\_\_\_



Castle Clinton National Monument,  
part of the National Park System \_\_\_\_\_



## Whose Broad Strips and Bright Stars



1811



Present

Head outside and look for the flag flying from the pole in the courtyard.

1. Which flag is flying today?

2. How many stars do you see?

3. What is the name of the famous flag that has 15 stars?

4. What patriotic song has the same name?



### Bonus Questions

1. Who wrote the song about the flag?

2. Why does the 1811 flag have only 15 stars?

## Find the Answers



1. What does NPS stand for?

2. There are pictures of other national parks inside the Castle. Name two.

3. Who is Castle Clinton named for?

4. What elected office did he hold?

5. In what year did the Castle get a roof?

6. In What year did Jenny Lind perform at the Opera House?

7. What famous person brought Jenny Lind to America? (Hint: He's famous for the circus.)

8. How many seats were in the Opera House?

9. Name the three people who designed the Aquarium.

10. How many visitors came to the aquarium on its opening day in December 1896?

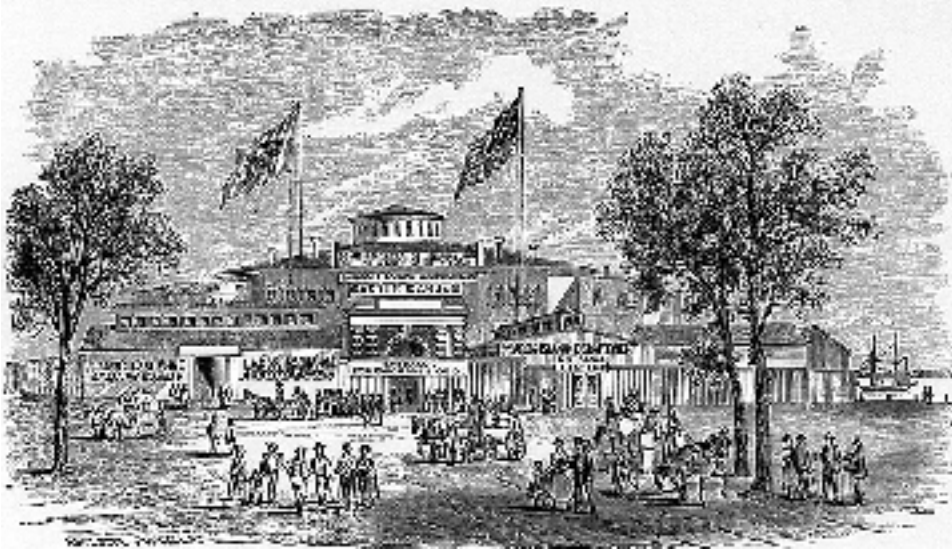
11. Which Presidents visited Castle Garden?

### Did You Know?

Castle Clinton is approximately two blocks west of where Fort Amsterdam stood more than 400 years ago, when New York City was known by the Dutch name New Amsterdam.

## Immigration and the Castle

Find the diorama of the Castle Garden Immigration Station.



1. How many immigrants passed through Castle Garden between 1855 and 1890?

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2. What did the immigrants do inside Castle Garden?

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3. Which immigration station came first? Castle Garden or Ellis Island?

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4. Who met immigrants when they arrived at Castle Garden?

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## Did You Know?

Castle Clinton was very nearly destroyed in the 1940s as part of a project to build a second Brooklyn bridge. The project was not stopped, but moved underground. Today, the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel (officially the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel) runs under the site.



## Find the Cannons

The cannons at Castle Clinton are what helped give the site its original name “Southwest Battery.”

The term “battery” means a group of cannon in a fixed fortification, for either coastal or frontier defense. It also refers to the placement of artillery during a battle.



1. How many cannons do you see?

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2. How many soldiers did it take to fire this type of cannon?  
(Explore the area around the cannon to find the answer)

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3. How many gun ports (holes for the cannon to fire through) does Castle Clinton have?  
(Hint: Walk around the outside of the Castle to get the correct number.)

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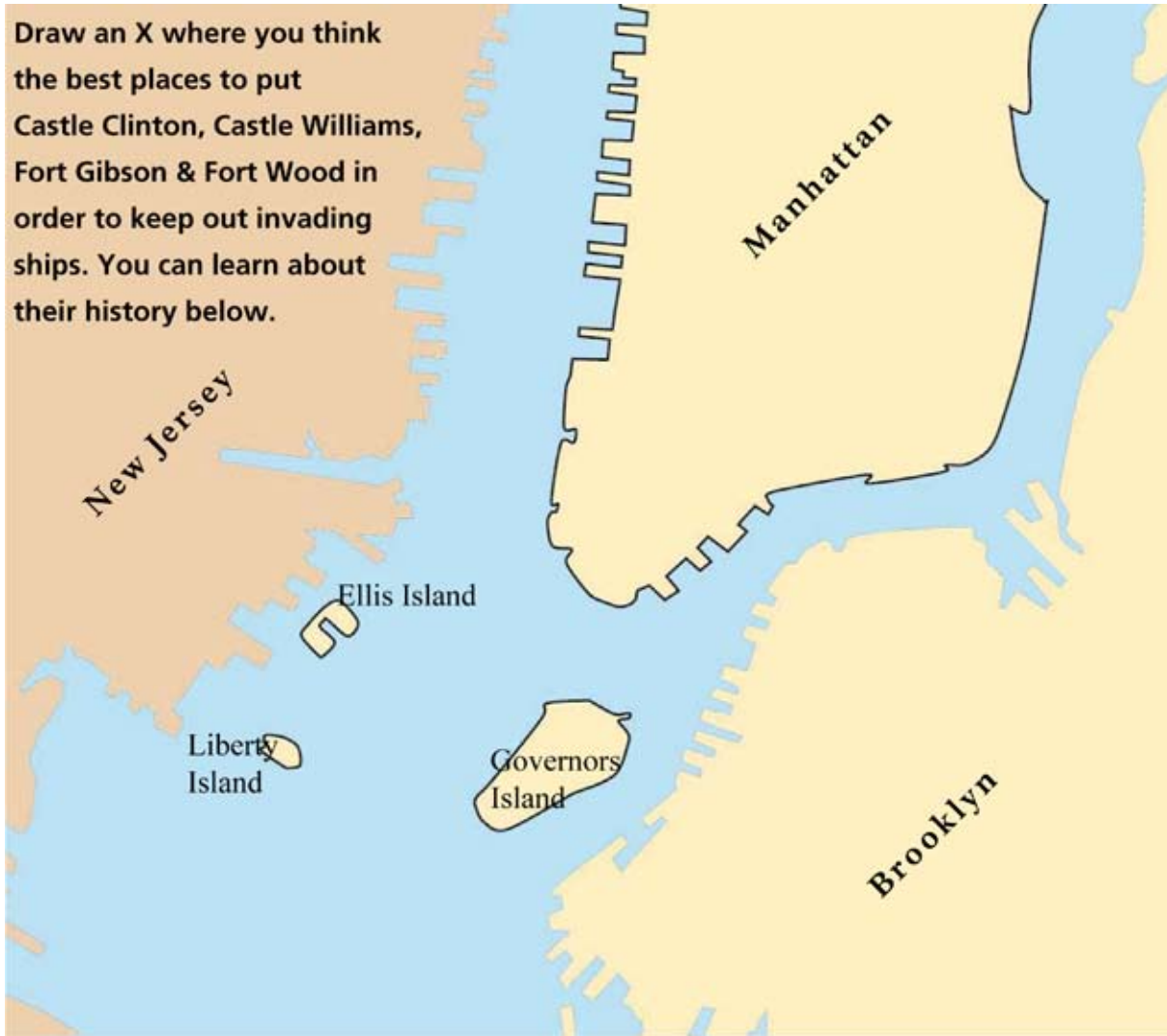
## Walls Within Walls

Find the Walls Within Walls exhibit and answer this question: Was this wall an original part of Castle Clinton?



## Crossfire Challenge

Draw an X where you think the best places to put Castle Clinton, Castle Williams, Fort Gibson & Fort Wood in order to keep out invading ships. You can learn about their history below.



Castle Clinton, which is in Battery Park in Lower Manhattan, was part of a series of fortifications around upper New York Harbor that included Castle Williams on Governors Island, Fort Gibson on Ellis Island and Fort Wood on what is now Liberty Island. The idea was that by placing these forts and castles (circular forts) so that the cannon fire from them overlapped, then the military could prevent other countries' warships from sailing into the harbor and attacking Manhattan. In 2011, Castle Clinton, Castle Williams and Fort Wood all turned 200 years old. How old are you?

## Who's Who

Draw a line matching each person to their name or description.

Immigrant



Marquis de Lafayette, hero of the American Revolution



National Park Service Ranger



Jenny Lind, "The Swedish Nightingale"



DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York  
1817-1822 & 1825-1828



## Spot the Differences

Look at the three dioramas in the Castle Clinton exhibit. List the differences you see.

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