



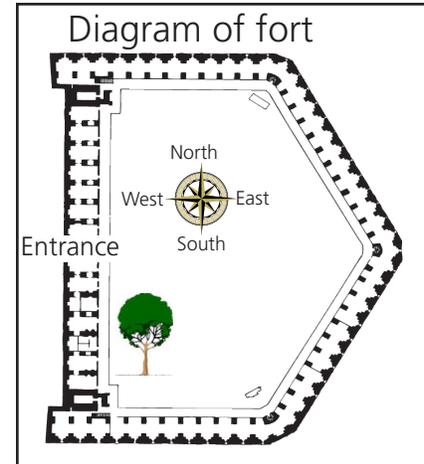
# Fort Scavenger Hunt

Grades 2-4

Fort Pulaski was built 160 years ago. It was built to defend Savannah against enemy ships. The fort could hold more than 100 cannons.

The soldiers lived inside the fort. They spent almost all their time in the fort. They lived here without electricity. The fort has been in only one battle. It occurred during the Civil War. In that war, Americans were fighting against Americans.

Follow the directions below to become a Fort Pulaski expert.



1. From the entrance, walk north and explore the rooms.  
What is the name of the room where the soldiers ate their meals?

Federal Officers Mess

2. What was stored in the magazine? (Hint: It is not reading material.)

Gunpowder

3. Go to casemate number 46. Casemate is the name for the large rooms inside the fort. Normally, each casemate held a cannon. But this casemate was empty, so it was turned into barracks. The soldiers lived in barracks. Two soldiers slept in each bunk (2 on the top and 2 on the bottom). How many soldiers slept in this casemate?

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4. From casemate 46, walk east, staying inside the casemates.  
Can you find anything on the walls left behind by the soldiers? (Hint: Look at the ceilings.)

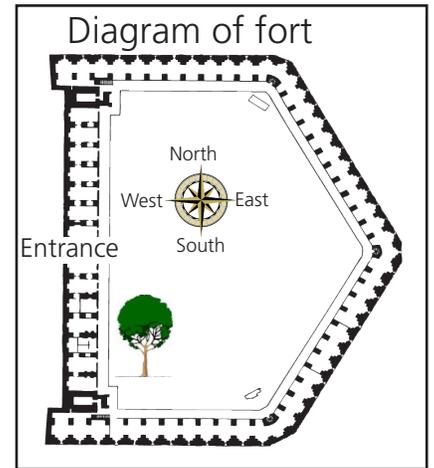
There is writing on one wall and on one ceiling.

5. After leaving the gin, step over to one of the large cannons. The soldiers had to roll the cannons forward by hand to fire them. Figure out how much the cannon weighs.

Barrel of cannon (the long tube)	8,465 pounds
Carriage (supports the barrel)	3,695 pounds
2 iron wheels	445 pounds
2 wheels at very bottom in back	260 pounds

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6. Keep walking southeast through the casemates. Go around the corner through the casemates toward the prison. The Union army took the cannons out of these casemates and turned them into prison cells. What did the prisoners eat?

**Corn meal, sour pickles and onions.**

7. Four men slept in each bunk in the prison (four on top and four on the bottom). How many men lived in one casemate? (Hint: One casemate has four bunk beds.)

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8. After you leave the prison, walk southwest to the fourth casemate. This is the place where the fort was breached during the battle. To breach means to break open. The picture to the right shows what it looked like right here during the battle.



What would you have done if you were a soldier here during the battle?

9. Now walk west until you find casemate number 8. What did the prisoners do here?

**They tried to escape from prison.**

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Congratulations, you are now an expert on Fort Pulaski! Fort Pulaski is one of your national parks. There about 400 national parks. They are owned by all Americans. As one of the fort's owners, please help the park rangers take care of Fort Pulaski so we can always enjoy it in the future.