

Test Your American His-Tree IQ

(NAPSA)—Before you begin this quiz, think about how long trees live—much longer than most people—and that they have "seen" and "heard" many remarkable moments in history. Then, test your knowledge of American history as seen from the perspective of trees that live to this day!

- 1. A nearby honey locust tree is the last living thing to have "heard" this stirring speech delivered in 1863: a. Gettysburg Address; b. Emancipation Proclamation; c. Confederate surrender at Appamattox.
- 2. He planted tulip poplar trees at Mount Vernon in 1785 that still live today: a. Thomas Jefferson; b. James Madison; c. George Washington.
- 3. This famous pair of explorers set up camp beneath cottonwood trees in North Dakota in 1804: a. Henry Hudson and Jacques Cartier; b. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark; c. Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet.

Answers

- 1. a. When Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863, he spoke for only two minutes. The Gettysburg Address Honey Locust is a living witness to this famous speech dedicating the cemetery at Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.
- 2. c. In 1785, George Washington planted tulip poplar trees on the western bowling green at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Those



Tulip poplars planted in 1785 still survive to this day. Their seeds have produced new historic trees that you can plant at your home.

trees still stand tall against the sky.

3. b. America is observing the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's incredible exploration of the West during 2003-2006. The intrepid pair and their Corps of Discovery camped beneath cottonwood trees from November 2, 1804 to April 7, 1805 in what is today called Smith Grove where the trees still thrive.

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