

ChicagoHistoryMuseum

Map Your Visit to the Fair

READ:

Chicago was excited to host the World's Fair in 1893 and show the world how the city had rebuilt just 22 years after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. More than 200 buildings were built to show new innovations and inventions from all over the world. Each building has a special theme ranging from agriculture to art, machinery to fishing, and electricity and manufacturing and the everyday products we use. There was a building all about women and their contributions and even one just for children! Within these buildings you could see things like a 22,000 pound wheel of cheese from Canada, a chocolate Venus de Milo statue, an elephant made out of walnuts, automatic dishwashers, a Liberty Bell made out of oranges, and even the first zipper! Visitors used maps and guidebooks to help them find their way through the Fair.

For more about the Fair, read or listen to "Best of the Fair" <http://chicagohistoryresources.org/greatchicagostories/worldsfair/story.html>

DO:

What places would you like to visit on a pretend visit to the World's Fair?

- **Look closely** at the map on the next page.
- **Use** the clues and descriptions to find out more about some of the buildings and the things you would see. The buildings names are on the last pages If you can, choose some other places on the map and find out more about them on the internet.
- **Mark** all these locations on the map and plan your route. Where would you go first? What would you save for last?
- **Draw** pictures of some of the things you could see inside the buildings based on the clues.

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

Materials:

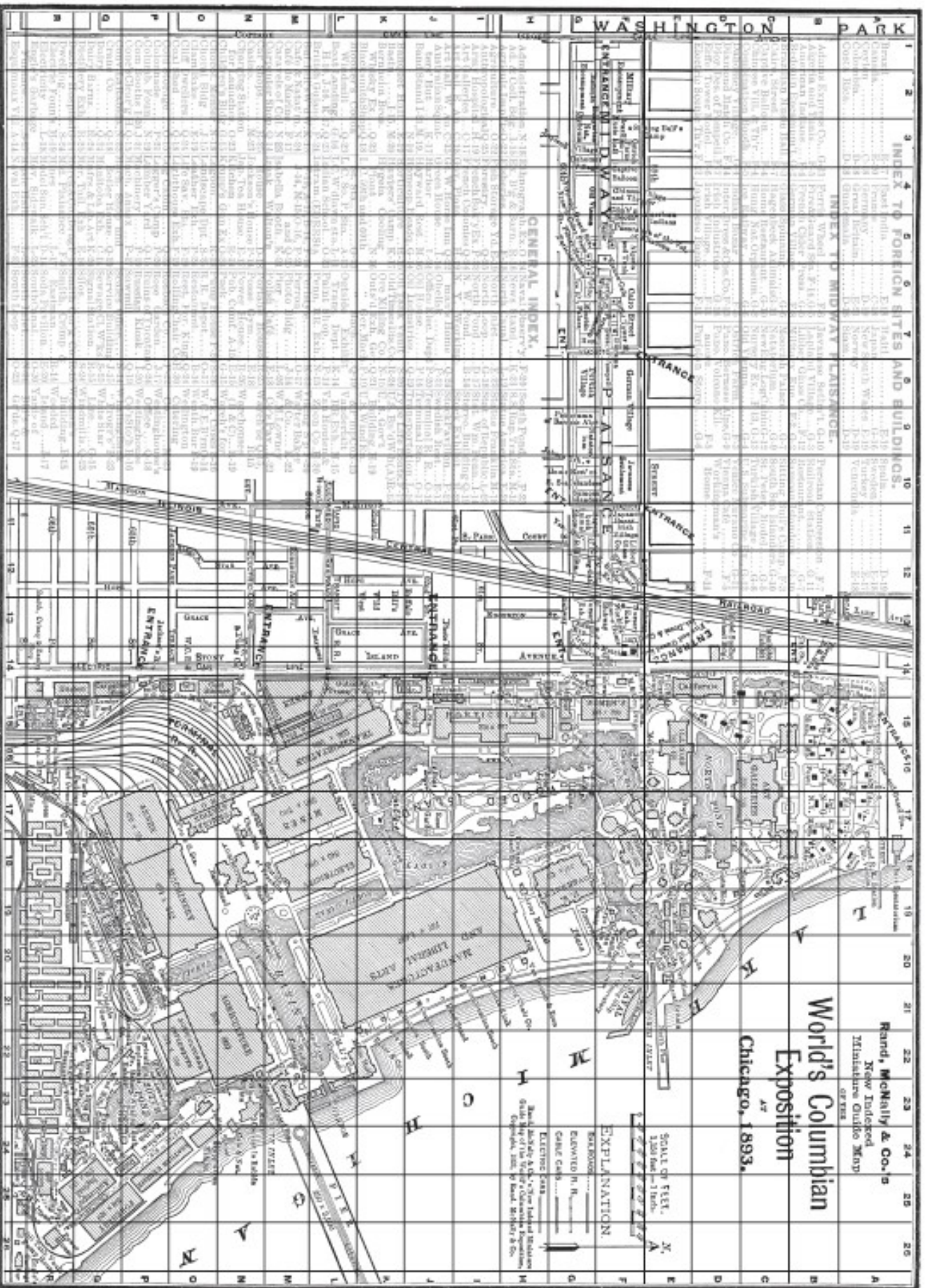
- ⇒ Drawing supplies, crayons, markers, etc.
- ⇒ Paper/pen
- ⇒ Optional: Internet



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SHARE:

- **Show** your map and drawings to family members and tell them about your "day" at the Fair.
- **Post** pictures of your map and drawings on Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



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My Trip at the Fair

1. Map Location: K 20

Things to See: In this building you could see all the latest inventions to make your life easier, stoves, dishes and glass for your house, clocks, jewelry, furniture, books, clothing, suitcases, toys and so much more!

Fun fact: You could fit 3 Willis (Sears) Towers in this building!



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2. Map Location: N21

Things to See: Don't visit this building on an empty stomach. You could see all kinds of foods including pickles, soups, canned goods, flour, candy, milk, macaroni and chocolate sculptures. This is also where you could see the Mammoth Cheese from Canada which weighed 22,000 pounds and was over 9 ft tall! The Agriculture Building also had farm machinery like plows, harvesters, and reapers.

Fun fact: Over the main door was a statue of Ceres the Goddess of Agriculture. There is also a statue of Ceres on top of the Board of Trade building in Chicago.



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3. Map Location: L18

Things to See: Electricity was still relatively new technology in 1893 so people could see how it could be used around the house to make your home more efficient, including lamps, hair curlers, elective clocks, and even telephones and phonograph machines.

Fun fact: The "Tower of Light" was a must see in this building, the lamp was 8 feet high and 4 feet in diameter and had about 30,000 pieces of cut glass on the outside to reflect the light!



ICHi-073787

4. Map Location: L16

Things to See: From ships and ocean liners to wagons, stagecoaches and bicycles, this building was all about the way people could get from one place to another. You could also see the Pioneer Locomotive, the first locomotive in Chicago! The Pioneer is now on display at the Chicago History Museum!

Fun fact: This building didn't fit with the rest. The designers, Adler and Sullivan, made it out of red brick, not white plaster!



ICHi-059345

5. Map Location: C16

Things to See: This building was decorated with sculptures, paintings and drawings from artists and private collections from around the world. They even created replicas of tombs!

Fun fact: This building is now the Museum of Science and Industry on the South Side of Chicago.



ICHi-052338

6. Map Location: F15

Things to See: The Woman's Building was designed by architect Sophia Hayden! All of the artwork and sculptures inside were created by women. You could also see displays of crafts and needlework as well as examples of books and poetry by women. There were even lectures by women every day on literature, science, and other topics.

Fun fact: People weren't sure how to share the work women were doing. Some wanted women's inventions and work spread throughout the Fair. Others wanted a building dedicated just to women which is what happened!



ICHi-069900

7. Map Location: F12

Things to See: Libbey Glass Company from Toledo, Ohio built a working glass factory on the Midway Plaisance. Here you could watch glass workers blow, cut, and press glass into things like vases, souvenirs, and even a dress made out of spun glass!

Fun fact: Libbey Glass company still exists today!



ICHi-093848

8. Map Location: F6

Things to See: The Ferris wheel was 264 feet tall and had 36 cars which could hold 60 people each. A ride was about 20 minutes long and you could see for miles on a clear day.

Fun fact: The cars on the Ferris wheel were about the size of a school bus!



ICHi-073008

One place that I want to visit is:

(Use this space to draw a picture and record any information you find out about it!)

My Trip at the Fair — With Answers

1. Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building



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2. Agriculture Building



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3. Electricity Building



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4. Transportation Buildings



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5. Art Galleries



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6. Women's Building



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7. Libbey Glass Company



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8. Ferris Wheel



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