

# Super Quest!

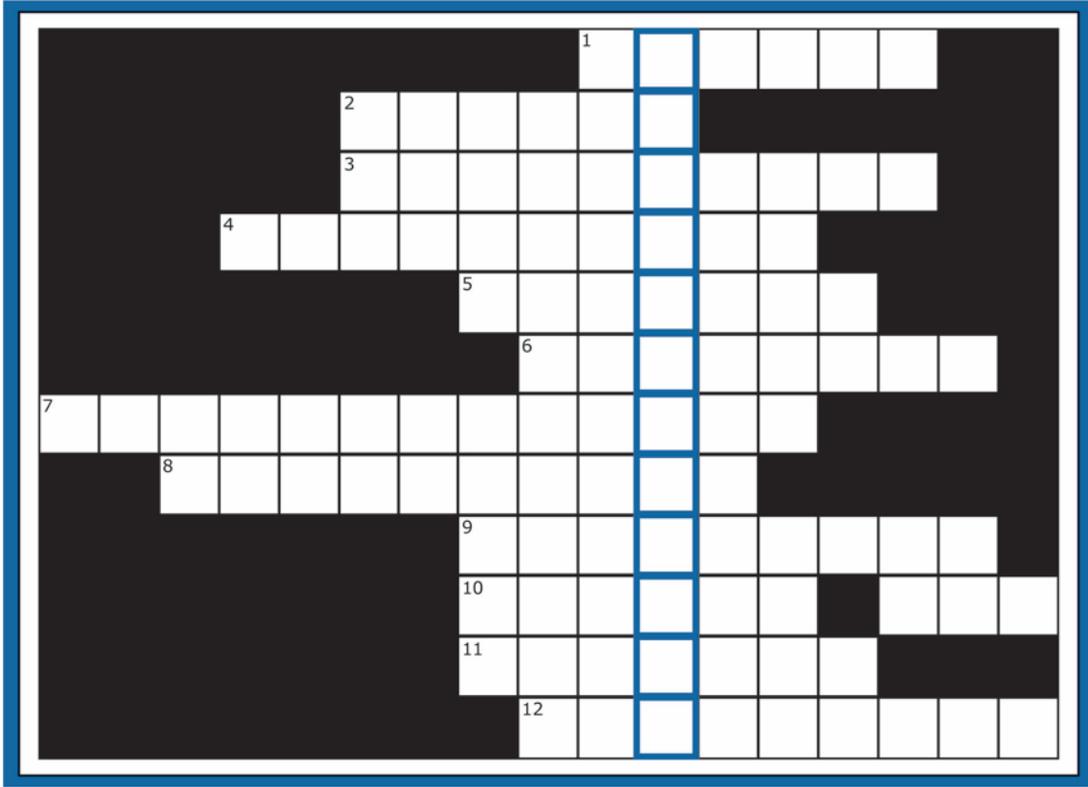
## Solve the 12-Town 250<sup>th</sup> History Mystery!

Two hundred and fifty years ago, in 1761, Governor Benning Wentworth chartered the 12 “Middle Grant” towns. **Super Quest** – like the movie, *National Treasure*, – will lead you on a fun-filled wild goose chase in search of a dozen historical clues hidden in these 12 Upper Valley towns.

Read the clue to determine that location, and then travel to your destination in search of the hidden word! Feel free to use a Gazetteer, Mapquest or your favorite source of knowledge to help you find the spot. Visit all 12 towns and - like magic - a secret word will be revealed! Solve the mystery, and email us or call ([laura@vitalcommunities.org](mailto:laura@vitalcommunities.org) or 802-291-9100 x107), and we will send you a commemorative patch. You will also be entered into a drawing for a grand prize, **a 1 night/2 days – Get-A-Way for a family of four to the beautiful Lake Morey Resort.**

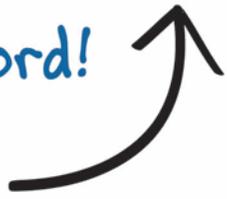
Take your time! You have until November 1<sup>st</sup> to complete this Quest. Enjoy a special day or adventure in each of the 12 towns: complete another Quest, visit a historic site or a farm, find a swimming hole, or just meander. We have included a suggested excursion with each clue (all suggested Quest clues can be found on our website.)

Please register to enter the Super Quest. It is not necessary - and you can earn your patch without registering -but if you DO register, we can give you hints if you need them! This also allows us to be sure we have enough patches. Register at our website: [www.vitalcommunities.org](http://www.vitalcommunities.org).



**Find the Secret Word!**

**Receive a commemorative  
Super Quest patch and  
be entered to win a family  
Get-A-Way to Lake Morey Resort!**



**Your Clues:**

**1. Hertford once was this town's name.**

To the "Center of Town Road" settlers came  
The old cemetery is right there too  
We found a crypt, but can you?  
Behind: five family stones in a line.  
This last name dates from Revolutionary time.

**Suggested Excursion:** Check out North Hartland Dam & Lake.

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**2. X marks this spot**

Between Orford & Lyme.  
River Road at Clay Brook  
Find a bridge from olde time.  
Walking through, look up high:  
How many X's above your head fly?

**Suggested Excursion:** Try out the Pinnacle Hill Quest.

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**3. Cross Ledyard Bridge, west you go.**

Clues to a ghost town right will show.  
While much of Lewiston is gone  
The railway station lingers on.  
What are you searching for?  
An old, long word over the door!

**Suggested Excursion:** Visit the wonderful Montshire Museum.

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**4. In Leb up Poverty Lane you're led**

Look left for King's Highway - now a trailhead.  
Find a boulder with a metal sign  
Take the last word from the 4th line.

**Suggested Excursion:** The King's Highway Quest starts right here!

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**5. On a "Big Green" map you can see**

Far behind Collis is an old cemetery.  
To a historic gravestone you are led:  
A white bed with a head that's red.  
In the 16th line the 1st word find!

**Suggested Excursion:** Find the Pig and Wolf sculptures around downtown.

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**6. Main Street in Fairlee has a plaque.**

Honoring an inventor from way back.  
Read the information  
For 3 kinds of transportation  
Turn around: one more can be found!

**Suggested Excursion:** Nearby is the Fairlee Glens Falls Quest.

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**7. Six villages in this town can be found.**

Post Offices and zip codes - they abound!  
In the "Center" you should park your car.  
Then walk to the bridge – it is not too far.  
A trail to the river. A seat with a view.  
Our next word will appear beneath you.

**Suggested Excursion:** Enjoy the Bill Hill Quest.

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**8. At the north end of Windsor's downtown**

the Constitution House is easily found.  
In 1777, Vermont became a Republic.  
But finding a number here isn't your trick!  
Hung from hooks and rings  
Your searching for a word that swings.

**Suggested Excursion:** Visit downtown, and the American Precision Museum.

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**9. Plainfield, River Rd; eyes looking right.**

Park across from the sign that's white.  
Here ferries traveled to and fro  
Down the road on foot you go.  
When the rock islands align  
Yo'll take the longest word from the sign.

**Suggested Excursion:** Visit all the farms along this road!

**10. Find your way to Canaan Street Lake.**

Canaan Street is the route you take  
White towers and a beach beside  
Mark the place this contraption resides.  
Now count the spokes. This is not a joke!

**Suggested Excursion:** Take a dip in the Canaan Street Lake.

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**11. At the northern tip of Crystal Lake**

Ibey and Lockhaven a corner make.  
An old millstone? School # 4's home.  
Over the back door, a date you'll seek.  
The President then? Through a window peek.

**Suggested Excursion:** Check out the Shaker Ceremonial Site Quest.

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**12. Hartford "Center of Town Road"**

Leads right up to history's abode.  
A quiet place where children play  
Once held tavern, town clerk, a place to pray.  
Here was Hartford's muster ground.  
The first name on the 13th line must be found.

**Suggested Excursion:** The Center of Town Quest starts here!

**For those of you that would like some extra challenges we have provided this list of challenges to help you learn more about the history of your own town.**

**250 Challenge 1:** Find Revolutionary soldiers in your town.

**250 Challenge 2:** Did your town have covered bridges? Where?

**250 Challenge 3:** Find an old map of your town. Any ghost towns?

**250 Challenge 4:** For what is Poverty Lane named?

**250 Challenge 5:** Read and reflect on the epitaphs.

**250 Challenge 6:** Learn more about this inventor.

**250 Challenge 7:** Where were other rope ferries?

**250 Challenge 8:** Learn the etymology of this word.

**250 Challenge 9:** Find your town's charter. Read it!

**250 Challenge 10:** Go swimming in all 12 towns!

**250 Challenge 11:** Walk from home to the closest 1-room school.

**250 Challenge 12:** Where were the 1<sup>st</sup> taverns in your town?

Valley Quest is a collection of more than 150 treasure hunts that teach and share the natural and cultural history of the Upper Valley region with children, families, adults and visitors. Valley Quest is a program of Vital Communities, a regional nonprofit working to engage citizens, organizations & communities in creating solutions to our region's challenges.