



## Peabody Library Quest

### Thetford, VT

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical, Indoors

Duration: 15

Season: Year-Round

To get there: Travel north or south on 91 or 5 to the town of Thetford. Travel west on 113 over Thetford Hill, down through Thetford Center and up to Post Mills. Coming into the village the Peabody Library is on the right, after the store, the old village school and the "odd fellows" hall. Please note that the Peabody Library has limited hours: Tuesday 5-8pm and Wednesday 2-8pm.

### Overview:

Along this Valley Quest you will learn About Peabody Library as you twist & turn. For words and letters you should yearn... And our hidden treasure box you will earn!

### Clues:

1. First: who was George Peabody?  
George Peabody was born in South Danvers,  
Massachusetts on February 18, 1795.

Look around.

Rising up to the sky are 6 curving arches

With this shape hidden inside:

\_\_\_\_ \_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)  
1A 1B

2. When George was only 11 years old,  
He was apprenticed to the keeper of a country store.

Suspended above in the sky so dear  
How many "electric candles" on the chandelier?

\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)  
2A 2B

3. A young George Peabody visited the Jeremiah Dodge family in Post Mills, VT for a season but never returned.

The number of steps ascending and descending from the 2nd floor Add up to a total of:

\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_)  
3A 3B

4. In August 1866, when he was 71 years old, George Peabody offered the village of Post Mills \$5,000 to build and equip a library.

Our special clock has special numbers.  
Looking like I's, V's and X's these are called:

\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_  
4A 4B

5. Adorning the upstairs gallery walls is what remains of the library's original collection from 1869.

Mr. Peabody's book buyer was English...  
Hence all the books are by British authors!

Mr. Peabody's large portrait is surrounded by a glittering golden

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_  
5A

6. This painting was given as a gift in 1869.  
Do you see a letter in Mr. Peabody's hand? It reads:

"To the Chairman of the Peabody Library,  
Post Mills Village, Vermont.  
...George Peabody."

Now go to the book shelves-  
the NORTH corner stack-  
to find the word

\_\_\_\_  
4B 1B 5A 2B 3B 2A 3A 1A 4A

Written upon a  
Thick book spine  
in white, red and black.

Open this book and  
you will see  
the end of this Valley Quest mystery!

*Created in 2002*

Stamp below to show you've completed this Quest

**REMEMBER: Please be a good steward of the land; leave it better than you found it and pack out any trash you find.**

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