

# Manhattan Sculpture Quiz: Questions

## 18 questions to test your knowledge of Manhattan's sculptures and the people they represent

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- [\*Outdoor Monuments of Manhattan: A Historical Guide\*](#), by Dianne Durante. New York University Press, March 2007, ISBN 978-0-8147-1987-9, paper, \$18.95
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1. Which of the works below is NOT a memorial to someone who died on the *Titanic*?

- A. *Straus Memorial*
- B. *Stead Memorial*
- C. *Brisbane Memorial*
- D. Titanic Memorial Lighthouse

2. Which of the following four are represented in Daniel Chester French's sculptures in front of the Customs House at Bowling Green?

- A. Africa, America, Australia, Asia
- B. Africa, Europe, Asia, Antarctica
- C. Africa, Asia, Europe, England
- D. Africa, Asia, Europe, America

3. Which explorer was being honored city-wide in 1909, the year the Battery Park memorial to Giovanni da Verrazzano was dedicated?

- A. Jacques Cartier
- B. Christopher Columbus
- C. John Cabot
- D. Henry Hudson

4. What allegorical figure stands at the center of the New York Stock Exchange pediment?

- A. Integrity
- B. Justice
- C. Truth
- D. Wealth

5. Who used "The Sidewalks of New York" as a campaign song?

- A. John F. Kennedy
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Alfred E. Smith
- D. Fiorello La Guardia

6. Who invented flavored gelatin (Jell-o)?

- A. Peter Cooper
- B. Pietro Delmonico
- C. Abram S. Hewitt
- D. Thomas Nast

7. Name the noted New York politician who died of an illness brought on by the Blizzard of 1888, and was eulogized for his "eloquence and learning, his undaunted devotion to truth, his purity and courage, his uncompromising patriotism, his scorn of cant and deception" - but

also condemned by his biographer as "one of the harshest, strictest, most narrow-minded of all political bosses. Possibly like Pooh Bah he was born sneering."

- A. Roscoe Conkling
- B. Fiorello La Guardia
- C. Fernando Wood
- D. Chester A. Arthur

8. In "Full speed ahead, and damn the torpedoes!", what were the torpedoes?

- A. Artillery shells
- B. Self-propelled underwater projectiles
- C. Floating barrels filled with gunpowder
- D. Pipe bombs

9. Who wrote the poem "Thanatopsis," which begins, "To him who, in the love of Nature, holds / Communion with her visible forms, she speaks / A various language"?

- A. William Wadsworth Longfellow
- B. William Blake
- C. William Cullen Bryant
- D. William Shakespeare

10. Who are the three figures above the clock on the south façade of Grand Central Terminal?

- A. Zeus, Athena, Hermes
- B. Hercules, Hermes, Athena
- C. Poseidon, Hermes, Venus
- D. Hercules, Hermes, Hera

11. Which sculpture was picketed on the grounds that it looked like Benito Mussolini?

- A. *Prometheus*
- B. *Edwin Booth*
- C. *Fiorello La Guardia*
- D. *Atlas*

12. Which equestrian statue in Manhattan shows a rider in civilian clothes?

- A. *Jose Marti*
- B. *El Cid Campeador*
- C. *Washington* at Union Square
- D. *Joan of Arc*

13. When did Shakespeare become high-brow entertainment in America?

- A. Around the time of the Revolutionary War
- B. Around the time of the Civil War
- C. Around the time of the Spanish-American War
- D. Around the time of World War II

14. Which two figures are among the four figures represented on the base of the *Verdi Monument*?

- A. Leonora and Falstaff
- B. Aida and Violetta
- C. Leonora and Macbeth
- D. Rigoletto and Otello

15. Which of the following is one of the four figures that appear above *Theodore Roosevelt* on the east façade of the American Museum of Natural History?

- A. Zebulon Pike
- B. Sacajawea
- C. Daniel Boone
- D. Henry Hudson

16. Which Danish sculptor has a self-portrait in Central Park?

- A. Karl Bitter
- B. Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen
- C. Wilhelm Freddie
- D. Claes Oldenburg

17. In what Manhattan park is there a statue of a bear attacking a faun who cowers in a grotto?

- A. Morningside Park
- B. Central Park
- C. Riverside Park
- D. Inwood Hill Park

18. Who among the following has the most separate portrait sculptures outdoors in Manhattan?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. Alexander Hamilton
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Christopher Columbus