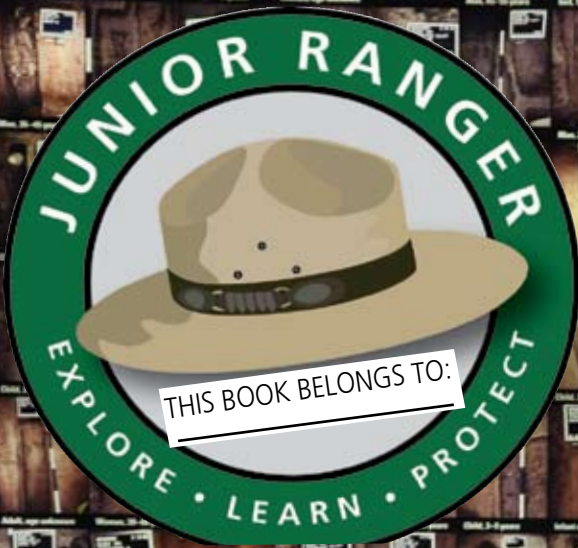


African Burial Ground National Monument

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Welcome to African Burial Ground National Monument



This book is your guide to becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER** at African Burial Ground National Monument.

To earn your badge:

- 1 Explore the memorial & the visitor center
- 2 Hear Rangers tell the stories of the African Burial Ground.
- 3 Complete at least four (4) of the activities

Adaptability

Adaptability means adjusting or adapting to a new surrounding.

Let the fun begin!

African Burial Ground National Monument is one of the many National Parks in the United States.

The National Park Service protects and preserves places that are special to the American people.

Park Rangers care for National Parks. **Describe** what else a Park Ranger does:



You can use this space to stamp your book with the official African Burial Ground passport stamp.



did you know?

African Burial Ground National Monument is one of nearly 400 National Parks across the country and one of 22 special destinations in the 10 parks that make up the National Parks of New York Harbor.

Artifacts

What artifacts do you see that were buried with the Africans' bodies? The names of some artifacts found in the burial ground are all mixed up! Unscramble them if you can. Once they are unscrambled draw a line to the picture of each type of artifact. Bonus Challenge: The underlined letters spell something out. Can you figure it out?

uffc kiln = _____



sdaeb = _____



tutbon = _____



ipns = _____



nrig = _____

ptneadn = _____



_____ = Learn from the Past

Language

Africans spoke many different languages. One of the languages spoken in Senegal is Wolof.

I come from = Mangi deka fi

Hello = Diama ngma

Thank you = Dieuredieuf

My name is = la tudah

Write the following sentences in Wolof.

Hello. My name is write your name here.

I come from write where you are from here.



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Did You Know?

The African Burial Ground is the final resting place of approximately 15,000 free and enslaved Africans.



Who Am I?

In the 17th and 18th centuries, African men, women and children lived harsh lives, but that didn't stop them and their determination to become free. Walk around the visitor center to learn more about some of the people who lived during this time period.

a.) I lived and worked on a farm in Brooklyn, N.Y. When the slaveholder died he said that my husband and I were not to be sold and that we could have off every Saturday afternoon to work for ourselves. Who am I? _____

b.) I was one of the first captive Africans brought to New Amsterdam. After years of being enslaved, I was granted land through my appeal for freedom in 1644. Who am I? _____

c.) Women in the household became alarmed of me when I started to “trifle about charms.” That’s when I was put up for sale. In John Watt’s letter, he described me as “a very good cook” and “a most necessary servant.” Who am I? _____

d.) I was identified as jumping out of a window and over fences during a series of fires in New York. I eventually was caught and found guilty of conspiring with others to kill people in the city. Who am I? _____

e.) In 1733, I ran away from the slaveholder Jacobus Van Cortlandt. A runaway ad was soon published describing me as a tall fellow who spoke very good English. Who am I? _____

f.) I worked off my purchase price as a grave digger and caretaker for the John Street Methodist Church. Once free I co-founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1796. Who am I? _____

Visit the National Park Service Web site at www.nps.gov. Find the page with the national map on it. See what other National Parks are in your home state. Do any of these parks teach the history of African Americans?

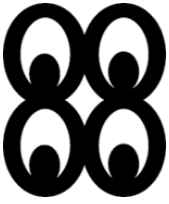
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Now that you are becoming a **JUNIOR PARK RANGER**, why not also become a WebRanger? Visit www.nps.gov/webrangers to learn more. There is even an activity about the National Parks of New York Harbor.



Symbols

Many cultures use symbols like the Akan symbols you see here. Draw your own symbol. What does it mean?



Wisdom & Prudence



Hope



Guardianship



Patience & tolerance

What Is The Same & What Is Different?

In one box, draw what you think a cemetery looks like. Draw what the African Burial Ground looks like in the other box.

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Be A Reporter

Pretend you are a reporter who must get information for a newspaper article about the community's interest in the site. Use the exhibit to fill in timeline dates to fill in the blanks for your story.



African Burial Ground is rediscovered.

419 sets of human remains are sent to Howard University.

Researchers at Howard University finish recording and measuring remains.

Government Services Administration (GSA) announces the selection of five (5) finalists for the African Burial Ground memorial.

All 419 remains return to the burial ground during the Rites of Ancestral Return.

The design is chosen for the outdoor memorial.

President George W. Bush designates the African Burial Ground as a national monument.

The African Burial Ground National Monument memorial opens to the public.

The African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center opens to the public.

Fill In The Blank

A _____ is poured to honor the ancestors — those who have passed on to the afterlife.

Researchers at _____ studied 419 burials excavated from the African Burial Ground.

About 40% of those buried in the burial ground were _____.

Burial # _____ was a child 6-11 years old (*Hint when looking at the images of the excavated remains look in the 7th row from the bottom)

New York proclaims the date _____ as Emancipation Day, generally ending slavery in the state.



Freedom

What does freedom mean to you? Write or draw your answer in the space below.

Did You Know?

The African Burial Ground was designated a National Monument on February 27, 2006 by a Presidential Proclamation.



Memorial



Answer the following questions about the African Burial Ground memorial.

- 1.) Do you see any patterns or shapes being repeated at the memorial? (For example: spirals, circles, straight lines)
- 2.) What adjectives would you use to describe the memorial? (big, serious, etc.)
- 3.) What makes this memorial different from or similar to other memorials you may have seen?
- 4.) Look at the area around the memorial and answer the following:
 - a. What man-made objects do you see? (Buildings, roads, etc.)
 - b. What naturally occurring features do you see? (Trees, water, etc.)
- 5.) Do your observations from question #4 give you any clues as to what this area was like in the past?
- 6.) What do you think the future holds for this memorial?
- 7.) How would the loss of this memorial affect the neighborhood and community?

Africa

Did you know Africa is the second largest continent on the planet Earth?
Color Africa your favorite color.



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Did You Know?

The African Burial Ground is estimated to be about 6.6-acres or 5 blocks. You can see the the burial ground laid out over the modern-day street map of New York City.



Experience Your America...

The National Park Service began to care for **African Burial Ground National Monument** in 2006. This site is now a place to reflect on how enslaved and free Africans and African-Americans helped build New York City and their continuing legacy in the community.

National Park Rangers care for all National Parks, but it is a job we cannot do alone. The **stewardship** of the American people is vital to the well-being of our national treasures.

What are some things **YOU** can do to help care for our National Parks?



Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to a person or community's care.



Color in the arrowhead when you get home!

The arrowhead is the symbol of the National Park Service.

The sequoia tree and the bison represent nature, the mountains and water represent recreation, and the arrowhead represents history and archeology.

The emblem symbolizes the values of National Park Rangers.

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try this later!



Congratulations! You have completed the JUNIOR PARK RANGER guide for African Burial Ground National Monument. Present your completed booklet to a Park Ranger and receive your badge.



*African Burial Ground
National Monument*

Junior Ranger

Certificate

For all those who were lost

For all those who were stolen

For all those who were left behind

For all those who were not forgotten



**I, _____,
promise to share what I have learned
today with others. I will explore,
preserve and protect America's
National Parks, so that through my
stewardship, they will be preserved
for future generations.**

JUNIOR RANGER

CERTIFYING PARK RANGER

DATE