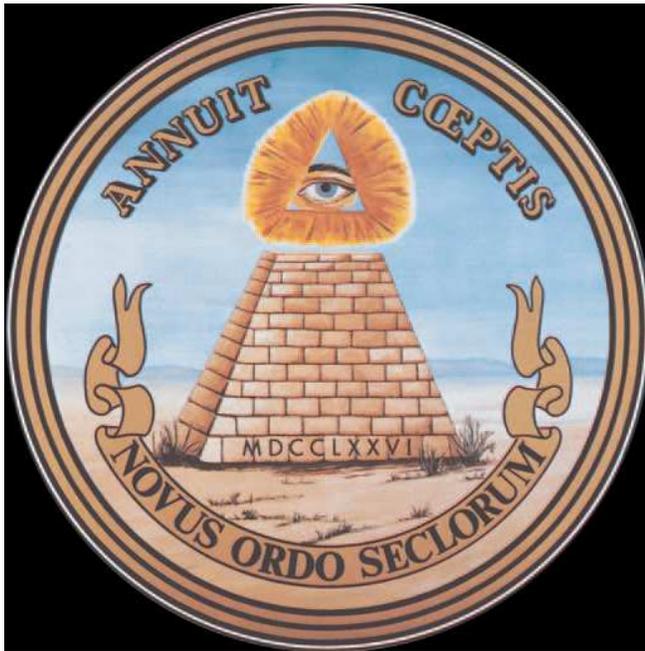


“National Treasure” Study Guide

Answer directly on this paper,
OR use a separate piece of
notebook paper, if you wish.



DURING THE MOVIE

1. What was the name of the ship in the Arctic where Ben and his team find the first clue?
2. In what building is the Declaration of Independence held? In what city would you find this building?
3. Benjamin Franklin Gates (played by Nicholas Cage) summarizes a portion of the Declaration of Independence while he's looking at it. He says, "Those who have the ability to take action have the _____ to take action."
4. The letters to the editor of the *New England Courant* were all written by Benjamin Franklin, but he was writing under the name of a woman named _____.
5. Ben, Abigail, and Riley travel to Ben's father's home just outside what historical city?
6. Which two men cast the Liberty Bell?
7. Ben and Abigail thought they were too late to see the shadow inside the tower of Independence Hall. However, Riley pointed out that because of Daylight Savings Time, they were actually early. Who was the first person to suggest Daylight Savings Time?
8. While Ben is in FBI custody, he receives a phone call from bad guy Ian. Ian tells Ben to meet him in what city?
9. Where did the treasure hunters find Parkington Lane? What secret fraternal organization did Lane, Washington, Franklin, and many other Founding Fathers belong to?
10. Ben's father lies to Ian (the bad guy) and leads him to the Old North Church in what historical city?

AFTER THE MOVIE / AT HOME

11. The men of the Gates family are named Ben, Patrick, John, and Thomas. Which Founding Fathers do you think the movie producers named them after?

12. The motto on the Great Seal of the United States (on the back of the dollar bill) says *Novus Ordo Seclorum*. Translated, this means "A New Order of the Ages." What do you think this means?
13. How many layers of bricks are there in the unfinished pyramid? How many olive leaves are there in the eagle's right talon? How many arrows in his left talon? Stripes on the shield? Tail feathers on the eagle? Why this number?
14. What does the Roman numeral at the bottom of the pyramid translate to?
15. We translated *Novus Ordo Seclorum* below the pyramid for you, but there is another Latin phrase we see all the time on our money—*E Pluribus Unum*. What does this mean?
16. Why do you believe the pyramid was left unfinished? What do you think the eye above it represents?

BONUS #1! The hotel in Washington DC where the bad guys plan their scheme early in the movie is a very famous hotel, best known for a political break-in in 1972. As a result of this break-in and the resulting cover-up, President Nixon ultimately had to resign. What's the name of the hotel?

BONUS #2! The bad guy of the movie is named Ian Howe. What Revolutionary "bad guy" also had the name Howe?

BONUS #3! Many times during the movie, the Declaration is rolled, unrolled, touched by several people, and would fall apart if handled in this way in real life. Because of this, the case protecting the Declaration is filled with an inert gas to protect it. It is the lightest of all the noble gases. What is this gas, and why is it used? *You might need the internet for this one!*