** Please email our Education program at christchurch1695@gmail.com to receive the Google Forms answer sheet. Should you do so, we will send you a different lesson about our historical properties and famous figures on every Monday in April!

Launch Google Earth from your browser. Click on the Search icon and type in “Christ Church Burial Ground.”

1. What are three historic sites in the Christ Church Burial Ground neighborhood?

Click on the Wikipedia “notecard” that pops up with information about the Burial Ground.

2. Who are the five signers of the Declaration of Independence buried here?

Click on the “3D” icon at the bottom right of the screen to get a closer overview of the neighborhood.

Go to our About the Burial Grounds page on the Christ Church website. Read the brief historical introduction and stop at the Benjamin Franklin section.

3. What is one reason why Christ Church has a Burial Ground three blocks away from the church?

4. Why are there no names on over 2,000 grave markers at the Burial Ground?

Go inside the Burial Ground with this Google Maps feature.

- Play with the icons at the bottom right of the screen to see how they assist you in looking around the property.

- Take a look at the small map at the bottom left of the screen. Blue lines mark the path around the Burial Ground. Click on various points of the blue line to move most efficiently around the grounds.
Once you have familiarized yourself with these tools, go to Benjamin Franklin’s grave marker (identified on the small map).

5. What color are the flowers next to Franklin’s marker?

Now go back to the About the Burial Grounds page on the Christ Church website and read the “Ben Franklin” section.

6. What rock star helped to preserve Ben Franklin’s grave marker in 2017?

7. How much did it cost to repair this one site?

Skim over this Mental Floss article about how our architectural conservation team repaired Ben Franklin’s marker. Read the first few paragraphs and stop at the paragraph reading “Making Franklin’s grave visible…”

8. How many people gathered in the streets for Ben Franklin’s burial?

9. How much did the marble ledger tablet at the top of his burial site weigh?

Skip to the paragraph beginning with “Materials Conservation” and stop at the one beginning with “And get bigger it did.”

10. What factor DID NOT create a crack in Franklin’s marker?

Finally, read the paragraph beginning with “Federico began the restoration by…” and stop at the one beginning “Hopkins says…”

11. What are THREE of the things that the team did to restore the grave marker?