

South Side Facts: Multiple Choice

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Circle the letter of the correct response.

1. **What is the name of the river that borders the South Side?**
 - A. Allegheny
 - B. Monongahela
 - C. Ohio
 - D. Youghiogheny
2. **How old is the Monongahela River:**
 - A. less than 10,000 years old
 - B. about 1,000 years old
 - C. more than one million years old
 - D. over 12,000 years old
3. **Monongahela is a Native American word meaning:**
 - A. beautiful river
 - B. muddy bottom
 - C. high, crumbling banks
 - D. full of fish
 - E. all of the above
4. **In which direction does the Monongahela River flow?**
 - A. north, toward the Point, from West Virginia
 - B. south, toward the Point, from Lake Erie
 - C. east, toward the Point, from Philadelphia
 - D. west, toward the Point, from the Mississippi
5. **What bridge does NOT cross the Monongahela River?**
 - A. Liberty Bridge
 - B. Tenth Street Bridge
 - C. Birmingham Bridge
 - D. Roberto Clemente Bridge
6. **Who is called the “Father of the South Side”?**
 - A. George Washington
 - B. Oliver Ormsby
 - C. John Ormsby
 - D. William Pitt
7. **In what year was John Ormsby given land on the South Side by the King of England?**
 - A. 1758
 - B. 1763
 - C. 1776
 - D. 1803
8. **Dr. Nathaniel Bedford laid out the streets and lots on the South Side flats in 1811 and called the borough:**
 - A. Bloomfield
 - B. Manchester
 - C. Birmingham
 - D. Mt. Oliver
9. **It is likely that Carson Street is named for:**
 - A. a steel maker
 - B. a glass maker
 - C. the son of a car maker
 - D. a Philadelphia sea captain
10. **Which two streets on the South Side are named for female members of John Ormsby’s family:**
 - A. Alice and Rachel
 - B. Louise and Mary Ann
 - C. Kelly and Muriel
 - D. Jane and Sarah
11. **Over 100 years ago, South Side factories were MOST famous for making:**
 - A. milk and ice cream
 - B. cotton and silk
 - C. glass and steel
 - D. boats and barges
 - E. all of the above

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12. **When was the South Side “annexed,” or added to the City of Pittsburgh?**
 A. 1811
 B. 1850
 C. 1872
 D. 1936
13. **Why is Arlington Playground called “The Fort”?**
 A. because during the French & Indian war, Native Americans built a fort there.
 B. because during the American Revolution, South Siders built a fort there.
 C. because during the Civil War, steel workers built a fort there.
 D. because during World War II, Arlington residents built a fort there.
14. **Which South Side building was destroyed by a fire, rebuilt, and later adapted for a new use?**
 A. Carnegie Library, South Side Branch
 B. PNC Bank Building, 1736 East Carson Street
 C. South Side High School
 D. South Side Market House
15. **What was NOT a common form of transportation on the South Side in the early 1900s?**
 A. horse-drawn wagons
 B. inclines
 C. trolleys
 D. automobiles
16. **About 100 years ago, families did NOT have:**
 A. televisions
 B. toys
 C. outhouses
 D. books
17. **Which adjective does NOT describe South Side in the early 1900s?**
 A. polluted
 B. industrious
 C. diversity
 D. agrarian
18. **Which two adjectives do NOT describe South Side today?**
 A. polluted
 B. industrious
 C. diversity
 D. agrarian
19. **Why are buildings worth saving?**
 A. because they look different from modern buildings and add variety to the streetscape
 B. because it is a waste to demolish them if they can be recycled for new uses
 C. because some are significant works of architecture
 D. because they are physical evidence of the history of our community
 E. all of the above
20. **What can you do to help save South Side history?**
 A. Talk with people and write down their stories.
 B. Encourage people to care for historic buildings.
 C. Volunteer to help my neighborhood development company with special events that celebrate local history and architecture.
 D. Help identify buildings and places that have played an important role in the life of my community.
 E. All of the above.



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