Shown above is the first flag to fly over Fort Sumter, from December 1860 to April 1861.

This booklet belongs to: ________________________________
Welcome to Fort Sumter!

Fort Sumter represents an important moment in American history when the Civil War began. Today, the National Park Service preserves Fort Sumter so visitors can connect with history.

Complete activities according to your age group: (you can do more if you want!)
- Ages 3-6: 5 Pages
- Ages 7-12: 8 Pages
- Ages 13+: 10 Pages

The Junior Ranger Program helps visitors of all ages develop an understanding and appreciation for parks. National Park Service sites preserve and interpret the historical, cultural, and natural resources that define the United States.

The symbol of the National Park Service is an arrowhead that represents all that we preserve in our parks.

The bison represents animals
The sequoia tree represents plants
The mountain represents scenery
The lake represents recreational opportunities
The arrowhead represents history and culture
Look around the Visitor Center to answer the following questions:

Name the two main crops grown in South Carolina before the Civil War.

1. _________________________  
2. _________________________

These crops, as well as the bricks of Fort Sumter, were produced by enslaved Africans on large farms called _________________________

Living in slavery meant these workers were not paid for their labor. They faced cruelty and injustice, without rights or representation. The right to vote is also called ________________.

A network of secret routes and safe houses led enslaved people north into free states and Canada. Thousands of people sought freedom using this network, also known as the...

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued January 1, 1863. On December 6, 1865 the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified, outlawing slavery in the United States.
Early United States flags often looked different because stars were arranged creatively by those who sewed them. In 1912, it was decided United States flags should all look the same.

Compare the storm flag above to the garrison flag on the front cover. How are they different? ______________________________

How many stars are on this flag? _______________________

How many stars are on the United States flag today? ______________

What do the stars represent? ________________________________

The flag is a symbol and means different things to different people. What does it mean to you? Use the space below to write your answers!

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_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
**I Spy**

How many items can you find?
Put an “X” over the box when you find it.

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The Charleston Harbor is fed by three rivers: the Ashley, the Cooper, and the Wando. The harbor feeds into the ________________ Ocean. This creates a mixture of fresh and salt water, also known as ________________ water.

The harbor is mainly ________________ water which is why Charleston Harbor is home to a pod of 150 ________________ year round.

While on the way to Fort Sumter and at the fort, you may see some large birds with impressive beaks called ________________. These birds can eat up to 4 pounds of ________________ per day!

Some visitors use Fort Sumter as a layover stop to warmer weather. One species you may see is called the ________________ ________________ which travels, or ________________ south to escape the cold during winter months.

This harbor is home to many creatures so it is important to Leave No Trace on land and water! This means recycling what you can and properly disposing of other waste. By not ________________, you help maintain their home, or ________________!
Your Sense of Fort Sumter

Write or draw what you see, hear, or touch during your visit

What are some things you SEE?

What sounds do you HEAR?

What do you TOUCH?
Inside the Fort

Here is a diagram of the original Fort.
Note: The entrance you used today is in a different location than in this image!

Label the sections of the fort:

______Barracks: Where soldiers lived and slept
______Parade Ground: Grassy area inside the fort
______Gorge Wall: Longest wall
______Wharf: Where ships dock and unload their cargo
______Salient: Point of the fort
______Sally Port: Entrance of the fort

BONUS: Put a star on the diagram where the current sally port is located

What is the name of the large black structure inside the fort?
__________________________________________

Whose face is on the monument at the base of the flagpole?
__________________________________________

Fun Fact: The red line on the flagpole is close to the height of the original walls!
Historical Figures

Match the figure to the description below. Be sure to read carefully! Write your answer in the space provided.

______________________________ I commanded the Union forces at Fort Sumter during the first shots of the Civil War in 1861. After 4 years, I returned to Fort Sumter to re-raise the 33 star storm flag that had flown over the fort during the first bombardment.

______________________________ After my home state of Louisiana seceded from the Union, I resigned my commission from the United States Army. I was given command of Confederate forces in Charleston and ordered the first shots of the Civil War to be fired onto Fort Sumter.

______________________________ After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, I served in the House and Senate for the state of Mississippi until secession began. I was elected as the first and only President of the Confederate States of America in 1861.

______________________________ I led the country during the American Civil War. I was born to a poor family in Kentucky. I served in the Illinois State Legislature and Congress until I was elected the 16th President of United States in November of 1860.

Abraham Lincoln  P.G.T. Beauregard  Robert Anderson  Jefferson Davis
Both smoothbore and rifled cannons were used during the Civil War. Which do you think would damage the brick walls of Fort Sumter more? Why?______________________________________________________________

BONUS: Can you find the artillery projectiles still in the left face of Fort Sumter? How many did you find? ______________
Matching

Draw a line across to match the cannon or mortar.
The H.L. Hunley was the first __________________________ in history to successfully ______________________________.

The H.L. Hunley’s victim was the Union ship called ____________________________.

On July 18, 1863, Union forces attacked Fort __________________________ on Morris Island. They were led by which regiment?

What is the name of the island where Fort Johnson was located?

In January of 1861, a ship known as __________________________ was sent to resupply Fort Sumter. As it passed near Morris Island, cadets from __________________________ fired upon it, forcing them to turn back.
Word Search

Army Cannon Civil War Confederate Cotton
Davis Flag Fort Liberty Lincoln
Mortar Nation Plantation Rice
Secede Slavery State Union
Vote
Witnessing History

Create a timeline for the following events by writing the letter for each event above the year it happened in the timeline below.

A. The Civil War begins
B. Battery Huger is constructed
C. The Civil War ends
D. Abraham Lincoln is elected President of the United States
E. Fort Sumter decommissioned
F. World War II guns are placed in the fort
G. Construction begins on Fort Sumter
H. I visited Fort Sumter!

1829 1860 1861 1865 1898 1943 1947 TODAY
Protecting Fort Sumter

As park rangers and volunteers, we help visitors understand why we need to protect sites like Fort Sumter. Imagine you are a ranger. Finish the following sentences explaining why each rule is important.

Please do not sit on cannons or ruins inside the fort because...

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Please do not take bricks or shells home because...

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Please do not litter inside the fort because...

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Please do not throw trash in the harbor because...

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Bonus: Why are national parks important?

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________
Fort Sumter
Junior Ranger Certificate

This award certifies that

has completed the required activities to become a

JUNIOR RANGER

“As a Junior Ranger, I promise to explore our parks and historic sites, teach others about what I learned today, and help protect these places so future generations can enjoy them.”

Park Ranger/Volunteer __________________________ Date __________________________