Ages 10-12

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How To Use This Book

At the top of each page you will find a short overview of the page’s topic. You will need to:

★ Read the information at the top of the page
★ Follow the instructions to complete the games and quizzes below

... and Remember

If at any point you need help, find a Park Ranger. Park Rangers love to help young visitors on their quest to become a Junior Ranger!

Anchors Aweigh!

Welcome to Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial. Our park has been a part of the National Park Service since 1936. The National Park Service cares for and protects America’s special places. By becoming a Junior Ranger, you are helping to care for and protect these special places too!
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A Sailor’s Life

Read the following statements about the life of 1812 sailors. Only one of the statements from each set is true. Circle the one you think is correct.

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1. American Indian Leader
   This leader dreamt of an alliance between all American Indians. He hoped to set aside their ancestral rivalries and unite to defend their culture, homelands and lives.

   Who is this a picture of? ____________________________
   What tribe did he belong to? ____________________________

2. Brute Force
   “I am big and I am black. I am used by the navy during attacks.”
   Without proper weaponry an American victory in the Battle of Lake Erie would have been impossible.

   What is this a picture of? ____________________________
   List three other weapons used during naval battles.
   ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________

3. Where On The Lake Is O.H. Perry?
   There are many pictures of the American hero Oliver Hazard Perry in our museum, can you find this one?

   What is Perry doing in the picture?
   ____________________________________________

How many “Dont Give Up The Ship” flags can you find in the museum?
   __________

Flags such as this were used in battle to inspire soldiers and bring them courage during the fight.
If you were a commodore what would your battle flag say? Draw it in the empty space to the left.
Great job! I can see that you really know your stuff on the War of 1812. However the story doesn’t end there. In fact, what is truly miraculous about the War of 1812 is what took place during the next 200 years. When the Treaty of Ghent was ratified in 1815 the United States and Great Britain came to an agreement on the importance of peace and disarmament. To this day Britain and Canada are two of America’s greatest allies.

A Symbol Of Peace

To learn more about the memorial read the following paragraphs. Use the word bank to fill in the missing words.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial was constructed between 1912 and 1915. The memorial is a 352 foot tall ____________, built to celebrate both the American victory in the Battle of Lake _________ and the long lasting peace between the United States, ________________ and ________________.

Buried beneath the floor of the memorial’s _____________ are the remains of six officers, three American and three British, who were killed in the Battle of Lake Erie. These men, and many others, _____________ their lives for the ______________ we enjoy today.

As a Junior Ranger it is your _____________ to help the National Park Service _______________ and protect our nation’s special places. Places like Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial are an _________________ for both people of today and those of future _________________.

Find the words in the word bank in the search below. Words may go down, up, across or diagonally. When you are finished, write down the unused letters in order to reveal a hidden message!

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Fun Facts

Perry’s Victory is the only international peace memorial in the National Park Service and weighs as much as 1,400 school busses.
A View From The Top

Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial is more than just a historic landmark; it is also a magnificent work of art. To better appreciate the many years of hard work that went into building and maintaining this wondrous structure visit the memorial and take a look first hand.

One of the greatest things about the memorial is the view from the observation deck. Once you have taken a few moments to study the outside of the memorial either take the elevator to the top or go to the Visitor Center and view the monitors that overlook the lake.

Draw a line from the description to the island picture on the map. A Park Ranger should be nearby to help.

1. This island is home to Perry’s Victory & International Peace Memorial. •
2. This island is home to some of the world’s largest glacial grooves. •
3. This island was once owned by President Hayes. •
4. This island is home to the oldest freshwater biology research station in the United States. •
5. This island is the southern most point of Canada. •
6. This island is known for it’s vineyards and the Lonz Winery. •

About The Rangers

The National Park Service is part of the U.S. Government. It takes care of historical treasures and natural wonders. This means America’s most cherished places, such as Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial, can be shared by everyone. It is the Park Ranger’s job to tell the story of the War of 1812 and the lasting peace that followed.

To meet a Park Ranger and learn more about this park attend a ranger program. After the program have the ranger sign your book.

Park Ranger Signature ________________________________
Your journey to become a Junior Ranger is nearly complete. There is only one last thing you must learn: stewardship. A steward is someone who takes care of the environment. They show respect to the land by never littering or causing unnecessary harm. You may be wondering why stewardship is important. As you know, the world we live in is alive. The air, the water, the land and even the animals work together to keep the environment alive much like your heart, lungs and brain work together to keep you alive. We must keep all parts of the environment healthy to keep the planet healthy. It is the responsibility of every American, and especially Park Rangers and Junior Rangers, to keep this country alive and healthy because if we wear out this planet where will we live?

To demonstrate your stewardship help Perry’s Victory & International Peace Memorial stay healthy by picking up litter on the park grounds. Go to the front desk to receive gloves and a garbage bag, then have an adult help you pick up litter. When you are done show a ranger and have them sign your book.

Ranger Signature ____________________________________

Alien Invasion!

Another way to be a good steward is to learn about the environment around you. The Great Lakes are one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world, but they are under attack! By who? Invasive species. Invasive species are plants and animals that come from other parts of the world. They do not belong here and once they arrive it is very hard to get rid of them.

To the right are pictures of three invasive species that are threatening Lake Erie. Match the species to their descriptions below.

1. I come from the Atlantic Ocean. I got into Lake Erie through shipping canals. I like to use my sharp teeth to latch onto fish. I suck out their blood until they are dead. I am the ____________________.

2. I can weigh as much as 100 lbs and reach the length of 4 feet. With a body that size, boy, I sure can eat a lot. To tell the truth, it doesn’t leave much food for the native fish. I am the ____________________.

3. I love to hide on ships. If the captain doesn’t find me I can catch a ride to anywhere. I may be tiny, but with more than a billion of me in the lake, I can do real damage. I am the ____________________.

Did You Know?

The Lake Erie water snake can only be found right here on the Lake Erie islands.
You've done it! You completed the Junior Ranger book, and it could not have come at a better time. The National Park Service needs your help. Without dedicated individuals like you our nation's history and special places would be lost. Join us in our mission to keep the American legacy alive and be proud of the accomplishments you have made today! Now take your booklet to the Visitor Center and recite the Junior Ranger Pledge to receive your badge.

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