Junior Ranger

Ages 6-9

Name: __________________________
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!

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!

Grab your sailing jacket and charts! It’s time to set sail on a learning adventure!
Who Was Oliver Hazard Perry?

Perry was born in 1785 and at the age of thirteen joined the U.S. Navy. Through hard work Perry was able to become the leader of a group of American ships. In 1812 war broke out across America between the U.S. and Great Britain. Perry helped America win the War of 1812 by beating the British in the Battle of Lake Erie. During this battle, Perry’s quick-thinking helped him to lead the United States to one of its first and greatest naval victories.

To learn more about Perry watch the movie “The Battle of Lake Erie” in the Visitor Center. Listen closely and see if you can answer the questions below.

1. Who was the leader of the American ships?
   A. Captain Hook
   B. Oliver Hazard Perry
   C. Ferdinand Magellan

2. Who was fighting in the War of 1812
   A. The United States and Great Britain
   B. The United States and Australia
   C. The United States and Mexico

3. Where did the battle in the movie take place?
   A. The Atlantic Ocean
   B. The Black Sea
   C. Lake Erie

In which U.S. ship did Perry conquer the British?
Choose a ship and follow the battle path to see if you are correct.

Correct!
Perry rowed to the Niagara where he was able to win the battle.

Incorrect!
Perry started the battle in the Lawrence, but it had to be abandoned after it was badly damaged. Try again.
American Indians

American Indians also fought in the War of 1812. They lived in this area long before anyone else did. For many years Americans and Indians fought over who got to keep this land. When war began in 1812 the British promised to give the Indians the land if the Indians would help the British defeat the Americans. The British and Indian soldiers lost the war. This meant the Americans got to keep the land and the Indians had to leave their homes.

Did you know?
Many words we use today come from Native American languages. In green are some Indian names for animals.

A Sailor’s Life

Perry could not have won the battle alone. In fact, a whole crew of men was needed to sail and defend each ship.

1. Circle the Differences!
Circle as many differences as you can find between these two groups of 1812 sailors.

2. Find the Facts!
Read the three statements to the right. If you think it is TRUE circle T. If you think it is FALSE circle F.

- Being a sailor was a hard life; they only earned a few dollars a month and lived in constant danger of death and disease.
- Perry struggled to find men to sail his ships. Many of his men were only trained to fight on land and few even knew how to swim.
- Many African Americans joined the U.S. navy because it was one of the few places they could be treated as equals in 1812.
Now that you have learned about the War of 1812 it is time to put your knowledge to the test! Use your searching skills to find the following images in the Visitor Center. The exhibits, and your smarts, will help you answer the questions about each picture.

1. American Indian Leader
This leader dreamed of an alliance between all of the American Indians. He hoped they could stand together to fight for their homelands and culture.

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 one other weapon used during naval battles

3. The American Hero Oliver Hazard Perry
There are many pictures of Perry in our museum, can you find this one?

What is Perry holding 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 right.
Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial was built 100 years ago in celebration of the American victory in the War of 1812 and the long lasting peace between The United States, Canada, and Great Britain. As a Junior Ranger it will be your duty to help Park Rangers preserve special places like Perry’s Victory.

If it was your job to design a peace memorial what would it look like?

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

With an adult, take the elevator to the top of the memorial or go to the Visitor Center and view the monitors that overlook the lake.

The Great Lakes and the Lake Erie Islands are a natural wonder. How many islands can you see?

Now that you have seen the view from the top help this Junior Ranger find her way to the observation deck.

The National Park Service is part of the U.S. Government. They take care of historical treasures and natural wonders. This means America’s most cherished places 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 to learn more about this park attend a ranger program. After the program have the ranger sign your book.

Ranger Signature ____________________________________________
Your journey to become a Junior Ranger is nearly complete. There is only one last thing you must learn: respect for the environment. We must keep all parts of the environment healthy to keep the planet healthy. It is the responsibility of every American, and especially Junior Rangers, to keep this country alive and healthy because if we wear out this planet where will we live?

Do you know how to respect the environment? Show us by organizing the words in the word bank into things you should always do and things you should never do.

**Word Bank**
- Litter
- Recycle
- Destroy Property
- Be Wasteful
- Be Educated
- Care

**Always**

**Never**

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**Animals Of Ohio**

To learn about some of the special animals that live in Ohio read the description of the three animals below. When you are finished, see if you can find the animal’s name in the word bank.

I am an amphibian that likes to spend time under the mud. Be careful I am an endangered species! My name is:

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I am a reptile. I am only found right here on the islands of the Great Lakes. Don’t worry, I’m not venomous! My name is:

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I am a mammal. You can find me all over Ohio. I have long antlers which I grow back every year! My name is:

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**Word Bank**
- White Tailed Deer
- Lake Erie Water Snake
- Blue Spotted Salamander

**Did You Know?**
The Great Lakes contains more fresh, unfrozen water than anywhere else in the world!
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Congratulations Junior Ranger!

Keep up the good work!

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I promise to remember what I have learned and share my knowledge with others.

I promise to honor those who have fought and died for peace.

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Congratulations

PERRY'S VICTORY & INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

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as

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JUNIOR RANGER

for the National Park Service

(Park Ranger) (Awarded)
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OHIO’S NATIONAL PARKS

- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park
- CINCINNATI: William Howard Taft National Historic Site
- TOLEDO
- CLEVELAND
- AKRON
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Perry’s Victory & International Peace Memorial
- James A. Garfield National Historic Site
- First Ladies National Historic Site
- Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

Key
- National Park
- CITY