

## Unearth Mobile's Story!

In 1977, the City of Mobile celebrated Mobile's 275<sup>th</sup> birthday by burying a time capsule filled with Spirit of Mobile memorabilia at Fort Condé, to be opened 50 years later, in **2026!**

Show your Mobile spirit by unearthing clues about Mobile's past, and turn your answer sheet in at the Local History & Genealogy Division of Mobile Public Library, 753 Government St., before the capsule is set to be unearthed on July 5 to receive a prize!

1. When was Mobile founded?

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2. What was the name given to the group of French women sent to Mobile in 1704, at the request of Jean Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, to be wives for the settlers?

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3. When was the original Fort Condé built by French explorers?

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4. Mobile is known as the City of Six Flags for the different nations and governments that have held sovereignty over it. What are they?

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5. What is the name of the Mobile burial ground that was located where the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception is today, from which bodies were moved to the Church Street Graveyard in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century?

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6. What historic Mobile tree is legendarily known as having grown out of the heart of an unjustly executed man in 1835, proving his innocence?

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7. In the early 1830s, Mobile's Mardi Gras celebrations were not held on Fat Tuesday. On which day were they held?

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8. What was the name of the civic organization that formed in Mobile in 1839 to provide relief for citizens suffering from the yellow fever epidemic?

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9. What is the name of the Mobile County community established in the 1860s by the survivors of the last known illegal shipment of enslaved persons to the United States?

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10. On what day did the catastrophic Magazine Explosion occur in Mobile?

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11. Which famous Mobile jazz band was formed in 1883 by John Alexander Pope, president of Creole Fire Company No. 1, to celebrate the birth of his son?

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12. In the early 1900s, Mobile-area inventor Miller Reese Hutchison patented the Klaxon horn to increase automobile safety by producing a roar “the like of which has never before been heard by man or beast.” What is the nickname for this device?

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13. Which pandemic struck the state of Alabama in 1918, peaking in Mobile in late October?

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14. What aggressive and invasive insect was accidentally introduced to the United States by cargo ships docking in Mobile in the 1930s?

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15. Where were Joe Cain and his wife Elizabeth originally buried before being moved to Church Street Graveyard in 1967?

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16. What is the name of the architect who designed the Ben May Main Library building?

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17. What are the names of the 2 sculptures in Malaga Square that honor our sister city relationship with Malaga, Spain?

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18. Mobile boasts 5 National Baseball Hall of Fame athletes! Who were they?

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19. Which “bon vivant” has been called “Mobile’s Renaissance Man”?

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20. What is the word for a 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary? (Bonus if you can pronounce it when turning your sheet in!)

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