

Grand Rapids 2017 Treasure Hunt

- 1) Take a Chance with new Yorke in a river with two names. Consider where the Seawolves feel at home before blazing through Atlanta. Starting with, first, the area around Indianapolis and, second, the area around Little Falls, Minnesota, you will truly know the person to whom these clues are referring. Use the language of his gallon product to identify him and discover where to begin your hunt on the map of greater Grand Rapids (using the spelling of the article from before 1947).

Answer: The first two lines refer to characters that this actor has played in films. He played John T. Chance in *Rio Bravo* and Kirby Yorke in *Rio Grande*. Stony Brook University is home to the Seawolves and General William Tecumseh Sherman razed Atlanta during the Civil War. Stoney Brooke and General Sherman were two more characters that this man portrayed. Moving on, Indianapolis is located in Marion county, while Little Falls, Minnesota is found in Morrison county. Marion Morrison is the real name of actor John Wayne, also known as “The Duke.” There is a John Wayne four-quart Dutch oven. “The Duke” in Dutch (using the article form of “the” before the language reform of 1947), we end up at Den Hertog.

- 2) Travel west to the end and turn south. Stop at the major cross-street and head east.

Answer: If you travel along Den Hertog St. SW to the end, you will then turn south onto Hubal Ave. SW. This will take you to 36th St. SW, where you should turn left.

- 3) Go to the second park that you see and turn north. $\Omega \perp \Omega \perp \Omega$

Check your work: A commemoration incorporating the words, “...the responsibility to do good works...” tells you that this leg of the hunt is complete.

Answer: This is not referring to actual parks. The first park that you pass is Parkland Ave. SW, while the next is Clyde Park Ave. SW. Turning left, you should go to the end (Ω = end) and turn right (\perp = right angle), go to the end and turn right, then go to the end once more. You should be at Van Andel Arena, in front of which is a statue with the following words, indicating that this is the first place that you should mark on your map.

- 4) 1/4: Was ist 26 von 1979? 2/4: Qu'est-ce que 26 de 1979? 3/4: Ciò che è di 26 a partire dal 1979?

Answer: The languages represented here are German, French, and Italian. These are three of the four national languages of Switzerland and are asking, "What is 26 from 1979?" Since 1979, there are 26 member states of the Swiss confederation called cantons. Hence, you should be on Canton St. SW.

- 5) Turn and go halfway, then halfway again, then halfway again...passing by a street whose eponym claimed should not be able to be reached, even though it was.

Answer: In order to travel a certain distance, you first have to travel halfway. Before you can travel the rest of the way, you first have to traverse half of that distance. Then you have to pass half of the remaining distance, then half again, and so on forever. If you only ever travel half of the remaining distance, how would you ever go the full way? Since you actually do get to where you set out to go, this is a paradox. Specifically, it is known as Zeno's Paradox. So, the street by which you should be passing is Zeno St. SW.

- 6) If on that street, go west and south. Follow the train of thought as it curves north and passes by the second major cross-street. Stop at the end of the adjacent avenue.

Check your work: If you see a toilet at that second major cross-street, you will know that you are done with this portion of the journey. You should look for this on Google Street View.

Answer: If you travel west to the end of this street, then south to the end of Ionia Ave. SW, you will come to train tracks that curve north. The first major cross-street is Hall St. SW, while the second is Franklin St. SW. The adjacent avenue is Buchanan Ave. SW. Stopping here will give you the second marker of this hunt. You can verify this by seeing a blue toilet under the overpass of Buchanan and Franklin in *Google Street View*.

- 7) Begin where chimps were hers.

Answer: Chimpanzees were Jane Goodall's focus. The Goodall Focus refers to a Hopewell culture of Native Americans, in which the Norton Mound Group is a part. This is located in Hopewell Indian Mounds Park, where you should start this part of the hunt.

- 8) Deny the situation where time is money and follow the correct path.

Answer: “Deny” = turn your back on. In this case at Hopewell Indian Mounds Park, “time” refers to a millennium and “money” refers to a grand. “time is money,” as both a millennium and a grand refer to 1000 (and, hence, are equal). So, turn so that your back is towards Millennium Park and the Grand River. “Correct” = right, so head to the right.

- 9) Take the first left that you see, as if you were on Mackinac Island, then follow the first avenue that you cross south to the end (before a break) and turn left.

Answer: Since no cars are allowed on Mackinac Island, you should look for a path and not a road. Heading south on this first path, you will come to Ivanrest Ave. SW. Take this until it looks like it ends and do not continue on it after it resumes. Turning left will put you on 76th St. SW.

- 10) Travel past an Alfred Hitchcock movie. Turn left at the first major cross-street.

Answer: Heading east, you will travel past a neighborhood containing roads such as Mourning Dove, Turtle Dove, Nightingale, and Golden Eagle. These are “The Birds,” which are making reference to the Hitchcock movie. The first major cross-street after this is Eastern Ave. SE and you will be heading north.

- 11) The avenue on which you are traveling tells you the path to take (past water). 600 feet north of the break, a name change allows you to continue on.

Answer: The first path across which you come is the Fred Meijer M-6 Trail. Take the “Eastern” route (of which there are two), choosing the one that runs past water (the northern one). Taking this trail to the end, you will be by Wing Ave. SE, off of which the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail begins (600 feet north of where the Fred Meijer trail ends).

- 12) Take the first opportunity to learn that the end of this part of your quest is across the street.

Check your work: If you see a sign making reference to the number 100, you will know that you are in the right place.

Answer: Traveling along this trail, the first opportunity to “learn” is at the first school that you see, which is Challenger Elementary School. Across the street is a farmhouse with a Michigan Centennial Farm Program historical marker out front. This sign lets you know that this is the correct third stopping point in the hunt.

- 13) Begin at the marriage of a royal couple. A star pitcher, a spy actor, and two superhero actresses are at the wedding.

Answer: Queen Victoria’s husband was Prince Albert. You should be in the neighborhood where Prince Albert St. SE meets Victoria Ave. SE. You can tell you are in the right spot because Madison [Bumgarner] (the star pitcher), Daniel [Craig] (the spy actor), Jennifer [Garner], and Jessica [Alba] (two superhero actresses) streets are also in the neighborhood.

- 14) The star southpaw from the last clue pitched a ball that was hit to the gap. It was thrown to the shortstop as a cutoff before the out was made, sending it into the middle of the 7th. Wish you were here to see it.

Answer: “South”paw gives the direction in which to head. “Gap”, “short stop”, “cut off”, “middle of the 7th” all refer to a break. In other words, if you travel as far south as you can in this neighborhood, there is a break before you get to another neighborhood in which the East-West Trail runs.

- 15) Follow the directions on the path to a crop, after taking a break. Across the road from the end is the completion of this section of your search.

Check your work: Within its perimeter, you will find a plaque whose fifth line contains the phrase, “...shoulder the responsibility...”

Answer: If you follow the direction of the name of the path (east in this case), there is a break between the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail and Stauffer Ave. SE before it begins again with a shortened, or cropped, name. Follow this E-W Trail to the end to find the Kent District Library – Kentwood Branch across the street. Inside of the library you will find a statue with the above quote.

- 16) X marks the spot of the general location of the treasure. In this journey, you have taken many steps. Specifically, understand the last as you go down to find the hidden prize.

Answer: If you connect these four markers with an X, it will cross directly over MacKay-Jaycees Park. Specifically, if you “under stand the last” step as you “go down,” you will find the treasure under the last step going down the stairs by the water.