

# JUNIOR RANGERS

BORN TO EXPLORE



## WEIRD AND WACKY WONDERS

Find out some unusual and strange facts about life in the 1870s. You will have to guess many of the answers, and some can be found on the information sheets in the rooms.

**1. START AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MANSION. WALK INSIDE AND ENTER THE LIBRARY ON THE LEFT.**

What animal has been hunted by the figure on the left of the mantelpiece?

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**2. GO TO THE DRAWING ROOM**

What would the servants look at when they entered the room?

- a. The beautiful objects
- b. At the floor
- c. At their employer

**3. WALK BACK OUT INTO THE HALL AND CROSS TO THE DINING ROOM**

Where did the children sit at the table?

- a. Next to their parents
- b. At the side of the room
- c. They didn't sit here

**4. GO TO THE MORNING ROOM**

Find the silver scissors on the table. What do you think they were used for?

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**5. GO TO THE MAIN BEDROOM ACROSS THE HALL**

What was the cupboard under the stairs used for?

- a. Wine cellar
- b. Bedroom
- c. Storage



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## 6. HEAD TO THE KITCHEN WING AND GO TO THE SCULLERY

The scullery maid was usually 10 -12 years old and scrubbed pots and pans. How many hours did she work a day?

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## 7. WALK BACK INTO THE MAIN HALL AND HEAD TOWARDS THE BILLIARD ROOM.

### ENTER THE BATHROOM

Who wasn't allowed to have showers? Why not?

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## 8. ENTER THE TOILET

Where did the raw sewerage from the toilet go?

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## 9. GO TO THE BILLIARD ROOM

How many animals can you see?

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What do you think the elephant's foot was used for? (HINT: the lid lifts up)

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## 10. WALK UP THE MAIN STAIRCASE

How many Australian animals can you see in the large window?

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How do you think the chandelier was cleaned?

- a. Ladder and scaffold
- b. Roof pulley system
- c. Trained aerial cleaners

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## 11. GO TO THE BLUE BEDROOM DRESSING ROOM.

The object on the right of washstand is a chamber pot. What do you think it was used for?

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## 12. GO TO THE LAVENDER DRESSING ROOM

What is inside the small square picture on the left hand wall?

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## 13. GO TO THE LAVENDER BEDROOM

What do think was in a slops pail (bucket)? Who emptied it?

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## 14. GO TO THE EDUCATION ROOM, WHERE THE CHILDREN'S COSTUMES ARE. READ "THE BODY"

What was one extreme way of achieving a tiny waistline?

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**Now that you've had a wander through the Mansion, take the time to explore the gardens, laundry, sculpture walk, farm and riverine.**

**WELL DONE!**

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## *Weird and Wacky Answers*

<u>Library:</u>	Fox
<u>Drawing Room:</u>	B) They looked at the floor
<u>Dining Room:</u>	C) They didn't sit here
<u>Morning Room:</u>	To cut grapes
<u>Main Bedroom:</u>	Double (Half Tester)
<u>Back of Staircase:</u>	Wine Cellar/Storage
<u>Scullery:</u>	About 15 hours
<u>Bathroom:</u>	Women and children couldn't have showers. It was considered too shocking for them!
<u>Toilet:</u>	Werribee River
<u>Billiard Room:</u>	12 Stool and drinks storage
<u>Top of Main Staircase:</u>	No Australian animals B) Roof pulley system
<u>Blue Bedroom Dressing Room:</u>	Toilet (chamber pot)
<u>Lavender Dressing Room:</u>	Human Hair
<u>Lavender Bedroom:</u>	Any liquid waste. It was emptied by the chambermaid.
<u>Education Room:</u>	Removing Ribs