HOMETOWN TRIVIA · CANTON, MA

How well do you know Canton?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. Which famous scientist was born in Canton in 1887?

A. James Batcheller Sumner
B. Richard Chace Tolman
C. George Davis Snell

2. Which famous actor was born in Canton in 1948?

A. Olympia Dukakis
B. Stephen Schnetzer
C. Donna Summer

3. About how many people lived in Canton in 1950?

A. 3,000
B. 7,500
C. 17,000

4. Did Canton have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 1960
B. More in 2020

How well do you know Canton?

5. Between 2010 and 2020, did Canton grow or shrink?

A. It shrank

B. It grew

REMEMBER WHEN · CANTON

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- James Batcheller Sumner was born right here in Canton in 1887. Did you know James Batcheller Sumner came from right here?
- Stephen Schnetzer was born right here in Canton in 1948. What's your favorite movie or show with Stephen Schnetzer in it?
- In 1950 about 7,500 people lived in Canton. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Canton go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Canton like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?

WORD SEARCH · CANTON

Around Canton

C K K I C E C R E A M U F E U
A B G F I R E H O U S E P O H
N E A S L N S N A C I N I N S
T A M N P O S T O F F I C E A
O O T A D I G I U E E R N I M
N T L E I S H G L Y A L I Y D
N R H R O N T W R I R D C R S
M O W T S A S A S E G L E T R
S L O R O E R T N A L Z B N B
A L Y N D B R M R D T D Y L F
E E N A I L U C E E A R R U O
B Y R L O S I E N I E E L H N
R A I N F U T H A K N T K S R
P L O A R A C K A I T A Y R C
K G E B U S I B D U E I O R O

- ☐ BAKERY
- ☐ BANDSTAND
- ☐ CANTON
- ☐ DINER
- ☐ FIREHOUSE
- ☐ ICECREAM
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ MAINSTREET
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PICNIC
- ☐ POSTOFFICE
- ☐ SCHNETZER
- ☐ SUMNER
- ☐ TROLLEY

FOR THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Answers and sources

1. James Batcheller Sumner James Batcheller Sumner was born in Canton in 1887.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q106756 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_B._Sumner

2. Stephen Schnetzer Stephen Schnetzer was born in Canton in 1948.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q7610482 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Schnetzer

3. 7,500 The 1950 census counted 7,465 people in Canton.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canton,_Massachusetts

4. More in 2020 Canton counted 12,771 people in 1960 and 24,370 in 2020.

Sources: https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1960/pc-s1-supplementary-reports/pc-s1-9.pdf · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canton,_Massachusetts

5. It grew Canton counted 21,561 people in 2010 and 24,370 in 2020.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canton,_Massachusetts

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