HOMETOWN TRIVIA · LOWELL, MA

How well do you know Lowell?

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

1. Which famous actor was born in Lowell in 1908?

A. Timothy Leary
B. Jack Lemmon
C. Bette Davis

2. Which famous writer was born in Lowell in 1922?

A. Elizabeth Bishop
B. Daniel Dennett
C. Jack Kerouac

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

A. 223,000
B. 97,000
C. 39,000

4. Lowell's St. Patrick's Church dates back to about which year?

A. 1883
B. 1908
C. 1853

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5. Did Lowell have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 2020
B. More in 1960

REMEMBER WHEN · LOWELL

Let's talk about home

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

- Bette Davis was born right here in Lowell in 1908. What's your favorite movie or show with Bette Davis in it?
- Jack Kerouac was born right here in Lowell in 1922. Has anyone here read something by Jack Kerouac?
- In 1950 about 97,000 people lived in Lowell. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Lowell's St. Patrick's Church dates back to 1853. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Lowell go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Lowell like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?

WORD SEARCH · LOWELL

Around Lowell

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

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] DAVIS
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] KEROUAC
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] LOWELL
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PATRICK
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] TROLLEY

FOR THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Answers and sources

1. Bette Davis Bette Davis was born in Lowell in 1908.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q71206 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bette_Davis

2. Jack Kerouac Jack Kerouac was born in Lowell in 1922.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q160534 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Kerouac

3. 97,000 The 1950 census counted 97,249 people in Lowell.

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

4. 1853 Lowell's St. Patrick's Church dates back to 1853.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q7590929 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Patrick's_Church_(Lowell,_Massachusetts)

5. More in 2020 Lowell counted 92,107 people in 1960 and 115,554 in 2020.

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

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

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