HOMETOWN TRIVIA · SPRINGFIELD, MA

How well do you know Springfield?

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

1. Which famous writer was born in Springfield in 1904?

A. Dr. Seuss
B. Will Durant
C. Elizabeth Bishop

2. Which famous actor was born in Springfield in 1951?

A. Lee Remick
B. Olympia Dukakis
C. Kurt Russell

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

A. 373,000
B. 162,000
C. 65,000

4. The Springfield Armory dates back to about which year?

A. 1722
B. 1807
C. 1777

How well do you know Springfield?

5. Which county is Springfield in?

A. Hampden County
B. Berkshire County
C. Nantucket County

REMEMBER WHEN · SPRINGFIELD

Let's talk about home

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

- Dr. Seuss was born right here in Springfield in 1904. Has anyone here read something by Dr. Seuss?
- Kurt Russell was born right here in Springfield in 1951. What's your favorite movie or show with Kurt Russell in it?
- In 1950 about 162,000 people lived in Springfield. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- The Springfield Armory dates back to 1777. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Springfield go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Springfield like on a Saturday when you were young?

WORD SEARCH · SPRINGFIELD

Around Springfield

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

- [ ] ARMORY
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- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] RUSSELL
- [ ] SEUSS
- [ ] SPRINGFIELD
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. Dr. Seuss Dr. Seuss was born in Springfield in 1904.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q298685 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Seuss

2. Kurt Russell Kurt Russell was born in Springfield in 1951.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q103157 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurt_Russell

3. 162,000 The 1950 census counted 162,399 people in Springfield.

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

4. 1777 The Springfield Armory dates back to 1777.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1193204 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield_Armory

5. Hampden County Springfield is in Hampden County, Massachusetts.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q49158

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

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