

## Family Activity Sheet

# Did you Know??

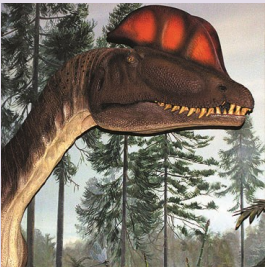
Have you always lived in Connecticut? Even if you have, there are many interesting facts about Connecticut that you might not know about.

Did you know that our state's name comes from the Native American word, "Quinnehtukqut", which means "beside the long tidal river" (the Connecticut River, which runs through the state).

Did you know that the sperm whale is the official state animal or that one of Connecticut's nicknames is the Nutmeg State?

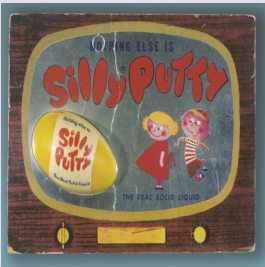
Explore CHS's hallway blasts and *Making Connecticut* exhibit to learn more fun facts about the state!

HINT: Look on the first floor for the answers to the questions on this side of the page!



### Dinosaurs in Connecticut!

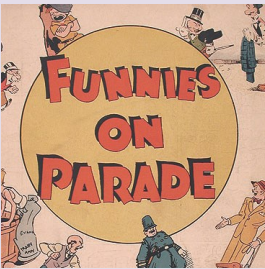
- What is the name of the dinosaur that is shown on this hallway blast?
- Think of what Connecticut looks like today. Do you think that Connecticut looked the same or different millions of years ago when dinosaurs roamed the land? How?



### Toys in Connecticut!

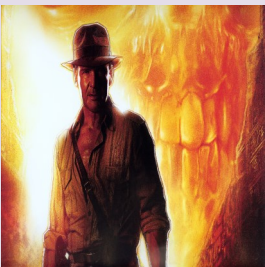
- List 3 toys that have been made in Connecticut:
- What is your favorite game to play with your family? Why?

\*Toys from different time periods are displayed in the *Making Connecticut* exhibit—try to spot them all.\*



### Comics in Connecticut!

- What was the name of the very first comic book ever printed?
- If you could have any super-human power, what would you choose? Why?



### Lights! Camera! Action!

- List 3 movies or television shows that have been set or filmed in Connecticut:
- If you could make a movie, what would it be about? What would you name the movie?

\*Visit the Reel CT theater in *Making Connecticut* to see Connecticut movie posters.\*



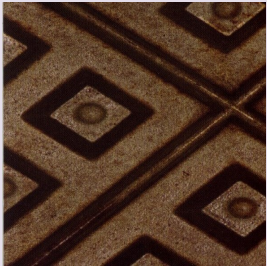
### Kids Love Candy!

- Which two candy bars were made in Naugatuck, CT until 2007?
- What is your favorite candy or sweet treat?

## Products Made in Connecticut

Thousands of products have been made in Connecticut. The first were made by hand, using simple tools. Later, more products could be produced faster and easier using machines in factories.

Each of the images below is a detail from a Connecticut-made product that appears in the *Making Connecticut* exhibit.



Before finding the object:

- Can you guess what this is?

After finding the object:

- Did you guess right? Do you have anything at home that does the same thing as this product? Does it look the same or different?

Answer: waffle iron, from 1940-1940 (purple kitchen)



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Answer: television, 1981 (green kitchen)



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After finding the object:

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Answer: typewriter, 1929 (grey section, 1918-1945)



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Answer: tall case clock, 1875 (green "Colonial Life")



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Answer: telephone, 1930s (purple kitchen)

## Activity: Try out Toys!

Visit the hands-on colonial kitchen in the *Making Connecticut* exhibit and find the basket filled with reproduction wood toys. These are the kinds of toys that children played with in the 1600s and 1700s. A long time ago, there were no electronic toys or toys that needed batteries. Try out all three toys (the ball and cup, the Jacob's Ladder, and the whirligig or buzz saw) and compare the toys to those that you have today. Which of the three did you like the best? Which of the three toys was the hardest or most difficult? Would you be willing to trade in all of the toys that you have at home today for these colonial toys?