NEBRASKA CAPITOL SCAVENGER HUNT

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VESTIBULE

The floor plan of the Capitol is a cross within a square. This floor plan allowed the Capitol to be built in four phases over 10 years. If they began in 1922 when did they finish?
Find the floor plan of the Capitol in the geometric mosaic floor. What colors of marble (stone) did the artist use to make the design?

What Native American hunting tool can you find in the chandelier? What grain crops?

The ceiling of the Vestibule has one big circle with farmers in the center and smaller blue circles with wild animals in the arches. Find the Nebraska State Mammal, the White-Tailed Deer in an arch. What two animals are beside it?
Name three more animals seen in the small blue circles.

Who are the sunrise and sunset colored murals about? What are they doing?

GREAT HALL

In the floor of the great hall are three large circular mosaics with female figures. The one closest to the front door of the Capitol represents the continents and oceans. The other two represent the plants and animals that live on Earth. How many mushrooms are in the mosaic of plants?
What animals are shown to represent animal life?

In the ceiling arches of the Great Hall there are rectangular mosiacs showing activities of people in our state. Find two mosaics which show students in school. What hemisphere does the large globe show? Are both students wearing shoes?
Find the basketball player. What color is his uniform?

On the walls of the Great Hall are pictures that tell stories, under these pictures are sculptures of important people. The black and white mural shows a teacher leading children through the Blizzard of 1888. The teacher is in the middle. How many children can you find?

Use your imagination to answer these questions.
What is the picture above the bust of Buffalo Bill about?
What is the picture above Willa Cather about?

The Hall of Fame was created in 1961. Who was the first person inducted?
What was Buffalo Bill's real name?
In the side halls around the Rotunda are more members of the Hall of Fame. These are important people who have helped Nebraska.
What did Mari Sandoz do? What year was she inducted into the Hall of Fame?

What year was Standing Bear born? What year was he inducted into the Hall of Fame?

What does Red Cloud have in his hair? How many years did he live?

What did Robert Furnas do? What year was he inducted into the Hall of Fame?

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ROTUNDA

At the top of the Rotunda are figures with red and blue wings representing virtue. How many figures are there? Their names are in the green base of the figures. Write down the names (virtues) you can read.

What Native American hunting tool can you find in the rotunda chandelier?
What grain crop hangs from the bottom?

The three pictures on the walls of the Rotunda show different people at work to help Nebraska. The scientists are working with their heads. What animals are in the circle under the desk of the biologist, man with the microscope?

In one of the murals there are people working with their hands. What animal is standing by the farmer?

The artists are working with their hearts. What instrument is the man in the middle playing?
What are on the shelf above the man who is writing on a desk?

On the floor of the Rotunda there is a large mosaic in the middle representing the earth and agriculture. In the four smaller circles around the outside find the male figures symbolizing--

Water What is happening to water's hair? How many fish are swimming with water?

Fire Fire is pushing a large rock off his back. What fire in the earth pushes rocks up into the air?
How many dinosaurs surround fire?

Air Nebraska's state bird the Western Meadowlark is in the border around air. It has a black **V** at its throat. Is it flying or standing? One of the animals around air flies, but it is not a bird or insect. What is it?

Soil What tool is Soil using to smash mountains to make land?
Find our state fossil, the wooly mammouth. Is there another animal that looks like him?
Find the little fossil horse. Does it have hooves or toes?
What creature around Soil might eat the little horse?

EAST CHAMBER CARVED DOORS

What Native American crop is made to look like a cross in the center of the doors?
How many ears of this food are in the cross?

What animal is the Indian woman standing on? What does she have on her back?
What is the Indian man looking at up in the corner above the woman?

The thunderbird design in the center of the doors is a symbol of rain, thunder and lightning. How many lightning bolts are on the thunderbird's chest? What shape is the thunderbird's tail?