Voices in St. Augustine

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Electronic Scavenger Hunt

Directions: In the book *Voices in St. Augustine,* Joey Johnson used the Internet to learn more about a house in St. Augustine, Florida. Using the Internet to obtain information on all kinds of topics can be fun, as well as educational. Here are some additional websites that relate to St. Augustine. See if you can find the answers to these questions by exploring these websites.

1. You can always start a search by going to a Search Engine like **www.yahoo.com** or **www.google.com**. If you go to that website, and type in St. Augustine in the Search window, you will get many websites that are about the city of St. Augustine. However, there is another website about St. Augustine that is not about the city, but about a man. St. Augustine was a bishop in the Catholic Church who lived from 354-430 AD. On which continent did he write and teach?

2. Go to the City of St. Augustine's official website at **www.ci.st-augustine.fl.us**. Click on the Visitors section, and then go to the Visitors Information Center. What kind of information can you get at the Visitors Information Center?

3. Go to the St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra, and the Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau website at **www.visitoldcity.com/**. (The purpose of a Visitors and Convention Bureau is to attract visitors and tourists to an area.) It usually has a list of events and suggestions for things to do in that area. Name two things this website suggests that people can do in St. Augustine.

4. The St. Augustine Record is the local newspaper for St. Augustine. Its website is **www.staugustine.com**. Name three kinds of information you can find on this website.

5. At **www.oldcity.com**, what kind of information will you find on the Accommodations page?

6. Wikipedia is a web-based encyclopedia. Go to **www.wikipedia.org** and do a search for St. Augustine, Florida. It tells you that St. Augustine was founded in 1565 by Admiral Pedro Menendez de Aviles. What country was he from?

7. The National Park Service has a website for its parks. On the Castillo de San Marcos website at **www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm**, it gives all kinds of information about the fort. What kinds of programs do they have for kids? What can you ask for at the Entrance Booth?

8. What kind of documents can be found at the St. Augustine Historical Research Library, according to the historical society's website at **http://www.staugustinehistoricalsociety.org/**?

9. In the book *Voices in St. Augustine*, Joey tours the Ximenez-Fatio House. On its website at **www.ximenezfatiohouse.org**, what local material was used in building the house? What is unique about its kitchen?

10. The Oldest House in St. Augustine is actually the Gonzalez-Alvarez House and is maintained by the St. Augustine Historical Society. According to its website at **www.staugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldhouse.html**, why is it considered historic?