

Beulah Brinton House Quiz

- 1) Before becoming part of Milwaukee in 1887, Bay View was:
 - A. Part of Saint Francis
 - B. An independent village since 1879
 - C. An enormous dairy farm

- 2) Bay View's early streets don't align with the city's main grid of north-south and east-west streets. That's because:
 - A. Pioneer residents simply walked along cow paths
 - B. The surveyor's compass was broken
 - C. Streets like Superior run parallel to the Lake Michigan shore; those like Pryor run perpendicular to the shore

- 3) For decades after 1835, Bay View grew as a farming community. Its expansion and denser settlement followed the 1860s opening of the Bay View Rolling Mill. The mill made:
 - A. Rolled oats for breakfast cereal and whole-grained bread
 - B. More cinnamon pastries than any other company in the world
 - C. Iron, later steel, train rails

- 4) The Brinton House at 2590 South Superior was built in 1871. It is now the headquarters of the:
 - A. Bay View Yacht Club
 - B. Bay View Historical Society
 - C. Kinnickinnic Kitchens

- 5) The house was built for Warren and Beulah Brinton. Warren (1825-1895) worked as a millwright in New York, Missouri, and Michigan before coming to the rolling mill, which had been established by his wife's cousin, Eber Brock Ward. Warren's roles at the mill included:
 - A. Hearth foreman
 - B. Weighmaster, timekeeper, and paymaster
 - C. Photographer, publicist, company spokesman

- 6) On adjacent Pryor Street is the last artesian well in the City of Milwaukee. People come from far and wide to collect its water, which tastes of:
 - A. Cedar tannins
 - B. Smelt
 - C. Minerals

- 7) Beulah Brinton (1836-1928), whose name graces this house and the neighborhood's recreation center, was:
 - A. A wife and mother
 - B. Author and newspaper publisher
 - C. Reading teacher and library founder
 - D. Church committee woman and occasional preacher
 - E. All of the above

- 8) The lot south of the Brinton House has never been built on. What sport, newly popular in the years after the Brintons moved in, was played there?
- A. Tennis
 - B. Golf
 - C. Rugby
- 9) After Mr. Brinton's death, Beulah spent winters, then several years in Chicago with her son Warren Junior. While she was away, she rented the house to a family who had been displaced by an apartment fire. The temporary tenants had an active son, later famed as an actor and the first recipient of consecutive Best Actor Oscars. He was:
- A. Humphrey Bogart
 - B. Spencer Tracy
 - C. Hopalong Cassidy
- 10) There are numerous 1870s houses between Pryor Street and the old mill site. Smaller than the Brinton House and built – but not owned - by the mill company, they are named for their early occupants' profession:
- A. Bakers' bungalows
 - B. Puddlers' cottages
 - C. Firemen's flats
- 11) North of the rolling mill site is Jones Island. Now home of the Port of Milwaukee and the city's major sanitation facility, it once had a:
- A. Glassworks
 - B. Fishing village established by immigrants from Poland's Baltic coast
 - C. Baseball field
- 12) The Bay View Historical Society was founded in 1979 to mark the centennial of:
- A. Thomas Edison testing the first practical electric light bulb (it lasted 13 ½ hours before burning out)
 - B. The village's incorporation
 - C. The opening of the first Woolworth's "five-and-dime" store

Bonus: Name the German-born actress who was first person to win two consecutive Oscars.

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