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Nativity School of Worcester

Major Taylor Museum Scavenger Hunt

Instructions: As you walk through the exhibits of the Major Taylor Museum, please fill in the missing information below. Each section is based on information you can find in the panel or panels with the same title. There is also an interactive computer where you can find information about Major Taylor's life in Worcester. You do not need to complete this scavenger hunt in any particular order, just choose your stops based on what is available and less busy. The group that accurately completes their packet first, or fills out the most in the time provided, will be entered into a raffle for Major Taylor swag (T-shirts and/or hats). You must follow these expectations to be eligible for the raffle:

- You may provide help, hints or suggestions to another group, but you may not share your answers.
- Maintain personal space, keep your hands to yourself and your voice at museum level (just above a whisper).
- Ask for permission from a teacher or employee before touching any bike equipment or artifacts.
- Ask for permission before leaving the space or using the bathroom.
- Do not get in the way of other students or groups completing their scavenger hunt.

The Six-Day Race - A Brutal Arena

- ★ At age 18, Major Taylor's professional debut was at _____
- ★ The endurance race lasted _____ days
- ★ He beat the reigning American champion in the _____ - _____ race



“That Dreadful Monster Prejudice”

Prejudice: *unfair or negative feelings/ actions directed against an individual or group because of some characteristic (as race or religion)*

- ★ LAW, the organization for competitive cyclists, stands for: _____ of _____
- ★ Major Taylor earned his professional license in the year _____ even though in the year _____ LAW said only white cyclists could be members.
- ★ One act of prejudice or violence against Major Taylor was: _____

Fame and Fortune

- ★ Major Taylor was one of the wealthiest black people in America when he was at the height of his career, earning \$ _____ a year
- ★ What is the name of the French newspaper that had Major Taylor on the cover when he returned to professional cycling in 1907? _____

International Superstar

- ★ Why did Major Taylor refuse to compete in most European competitions?

- ★ When Major had the clout to change the days of European races so he could compete, why did he love going to Paris?

- ★ How did Major Taylor's pre-race handshake mess with his opponent?

Technology and Tactics

- ★ What does it mean to "draft" and why did cyclists do this?

- ★ Taylor pioneered the use of an _____ handlebar so he could get lower and faster.

The Fastest Man

- ★ Why couldn't Major participate in some races in the United States?

- ★ Why do you think Major's human-paced 1-mile record is different from his motor-paced 1-mile record?

- ★ Major Taylor's top speed when he set the 1-mile record was _____ miles per hour

- ★ Major Taylor won the 1-mile world championship in the year _____ and the national championship in the year _____

Made in Worcester

- ★ Major Taylor's employer and mentor was nicknamed Louis "_____ " Munger

- ★ What was the name of Munger's bicycle company?

The Color Line & Wheels of Change

- ★ How did the creation of “safety bicycles” in the 1890s affect the popularity of cycling?

- ★ The image of the Boston pursuit team is possibly evidence of the first integrated sports team in US history. When was the photo taken? _____
- ★ Why would people in the early 1900s promote a race as “Black vs. White”?

Growing up in two worlds

- ★ What was Major Taylor’s father’s job? What do you think that job means?

- ★ How did Taylor earn the nickname “Major”?

- ★ Major Taylor won his first bike race at age _____

Out of the Spotlight

- ★ What was Major Taylor’s wife’s name? _____
- ★ What was their daughter’s name? Why was she named that?

- ★ How did Major Taylor try to make money when he was done competing in cycling?

In the Slipstream

- ★ Taylor was a sports hero outside of the US in _____ and _____
- ★ Match the pioneering black athlete with the sport in which they broke the color barrier:

Jackie Robinson	Boxing
Jack Johnson	Basketball
Jesse Owens	Track
Earl Lloyd	Baseball

Interactive Screen – MAP

- Where was Major Taylor's home? _____
- What is the name of Major's church? _____
- Where did Major live before he bought a home? _____
- What was Major's connection to the YMCA? _____
- On what street is the steep hill Major rode up? _____
- Next to what lake was the Worcester oval Major raced around?
