

Hidden Bottle Hunt 2022

Explanations for Zone 5 Clues



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CLUE 1

If numbers aren't your thing,
you may want to further consider 21's meaning.
However, be sure to stay clear of a Victorian's fling,
with an 18-years-old mayor leading.

SOLVE 1

The twenty first letter of the alphabet is the letter "U". There are 9 counties in Zone 5, two of which start with the letter U – Union and Umatilla. The City of Union's motto is "City of Victorian Heritage" and in 2006 they made national news by electing Kyle Corbin, an 18-year-old college student to be their Mayor. This eliminated Union and gives hunters Umatilla as the County to search.

CLUE 2

Our treasure is sure to be highly sought after,
but if this game is to be your fun,
search between the state's deadliest natural disaster,
and the ancient one.

SOLVE 2

On Sunday June 14, 1903 the town of Heppner was victimized by a 40 foot high wall of water due to a massive flash flood of Willow Creek killing 251 residents. It wasn't until the 1990s that the town's population reached pre-flood event levels. The town of Kennewick, Washington is famous for the discovery of the prehistoric Paleoamerican Kennewick Man (aka the Ancient One) on July 28, 1996. It is one of the most complete ancient skeletons ever found, dating back about 9000 years. The city of Hermiston is located roughly half-way between these two towns.

CLUE 3

"More Hints" and you may celebrate!
Archie's story was left unfinished,
yet agriculture caused this place to inflate,
to become the largest and leave his legacy undiminished.

SOLVE 3

"More Hints" is an anagram of Hermiston. The city of Hermiston was named for Robert Louis Stevenson's novel "The Weir of Hermiston" with its central character Archie Weir. The novel was never finished and has often been praised as a potential masterpiece. Stevenson's best known works such as Treasure Island, and Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. The City of Hermiston currently has the biggest population of any eastern Oregon city.



CLUE 4

A safer world, we all desire.
Find a bridge to the east for treasure to acquire.
A thousand and one igloos helped keep things chill,
where 220,604 were incinerated instead of used to kill.

SOLVE 4

In 1940, the US Army designated twenty thousand acres straddling the Umatilla and Morrow county line about 8 miles west of Hermiston as a site for a military munitions and supply depot. The site was chosen because it was safe from sea attacks and it was close to railroad lines and a port on the Columbia River. A thousand and one munitions storage bunkers, called igloos, dominate the depot landscape and can be seen on the north side of I-84 and to the west of I-82. In Hermiston's Riverside Park there is a rock with a plaque dedicated to the men and women of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility commitment to the common goal of "a safer community, country, and world" and also mentions the safe destruction of 220,604 munitions. The bridge references Bridge Road which borders the southern edge of Riverside Park. The treasure was hidden just to the South of the underpass for the overpass for Bridge Road.

CLUE 5

Time is short, so you need to be quick!
Hop to the front, heading south is the trick.
Off the main path, you'll want to pass under,
if glory you want and treasure to plunder!

SOLVE 5

Once at Riverside Park you will want to head to the south end of the park and go under the Bridge Road underpass which takes you off of the main trail. The word quick is a reference to Quick Road which lies on the other side of the Umatilla River to the southwest of the park just across from the bottle's resting spot. The bottle was hidden in a culvert in the far southwest portion of the park.

Thank you!

