



Alcatraz Uncovered: Field Notes



Date: _____ Name: _____

Welcome archeologists! As you travel around the island, you will be making observations at five stations. At any time, feel free to make sketches, notes, and questions in any page margins and in the space left for you on the last page of these field notes.



Station 1: At the Dock

Alcatraz Layer of History	Observations
Natural History	Sea gulls,
National Park Service	
American Indian Occupation	
Federal Penitentiary	Guard tower,
Fortress Alcatraz	

Station 2: Sally Port

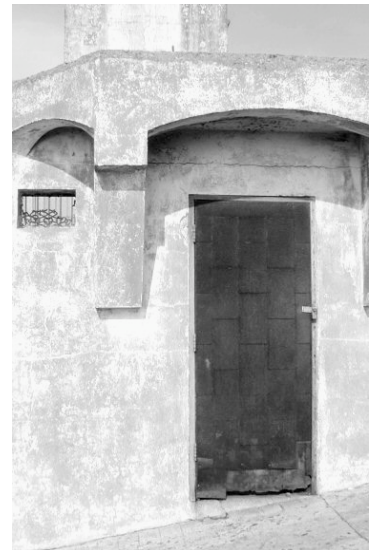
Find the huge, rusty door hinges. Then start listing your own observations. See if you can observe features that others in your group have not.

Observation	Inference(s)
Example: Large, rusty door hinges	Large doors were mounted here for defense against enemy troops

Station 3: Parade Ground Overlook

Near the Lighthouse

Find this door. Nearby find a door like it. Compare the doors. Make two possible inferences about what layer of Alcatraz history this door is from, and why it looks this way.

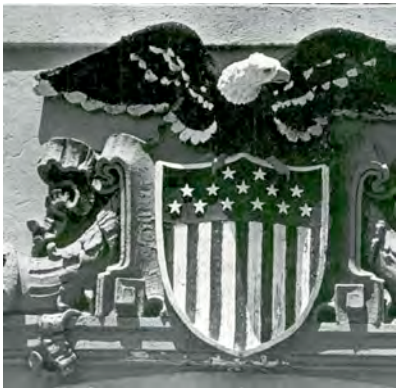


What question would you like to ask anyone in the history of Alcatraz? For example, what might you ask an American Indian Activist, the child of a guard, an inmate or a soldier...?

Station 3: Parade Ground Overlook

Look over the cliff at the parade grounds below. If you were a bird, why would you choose to nest here?

What do you notice about the water?



Station 4: Eagle Plaza

This photo was taken when the prison was open. Compare it to the eagle today. What is different about it now? Who do you think changed it? When do you think this happened? Why do you think it was changed?

What question would you like to ask anyone in the history of Alcatraz?

You will next be entering the cellhouse. As you pass through the first door, glance up to find a feature from the same layer of history located on the wall above the second doorway.

Station 5: The Cellhouse

Be sure to indicate in your "Observation" column where you are: D-Block (isolation unit), Cellhouse or RY (Recreation Yard)

Observation	Inference(s)
Example: <u>D-Block</u> - Hinged window openings in the doors of D Block dark cells #9-14	For air / So guard could talk to prisoner without opening door / Cooperative prisoners could earn the privilege of an open window

Use this area of the page for notes, sketches comments and questions.

What has interested you most?

What question would you like to ask anyone in the history of Alcatraz?