



The *Las Vegas Tourist Guides Guild*

Takeaways - Explorers and Pioneers *continued*, Mormon Fort and Stewart Ranch, the Railroad and Founding of and early Las Vegas, Downtown Las Vegas

Know the American military officer, explorer and politician whose name is connected with a downtown Las Vegas hotel & main thoroughfare through the heart of casino-lined Glitter Gulch.

When did John C Fremont come through Las Vegas. What was he doing out west? Who sent him? When did he publish his map; how many copies and who received them?

See this map: http://en.wikipedia.com/wiki/File:U.S._Territorial_Acquisitions.png



This site is a good resource: <http://mojavedesert.net/history/>

This has very good info about the early settlement (especially Mormons) of Southeast Nevada: www.donch.com/T9I/senev.htm

Know the year that the Mormons established the Las Vegas Fort and how long they stayed. What are some of the things they did here? Who led the expedition/fort and what was the original name of their settlement (and why)? Why did they leave?

Who took over the ranch next and when? What did he do?

Who got the ranch from OD Gass and why?



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Know some details about Archibald and Helen Stewart. What happened to Archibald, where and when?

Why did Helen Stewart stay? What did she do after she stayed? What is she affectionately known as?

Research the Eldorado Valley and consider how that influenced the Stewarts and therefore Las Vegas. How important was mining in Nevada from the 1860's-early 1900's? Be familiar with some of the big mining events in Nevada history.

Who did Helen Stewart sell the ranch to? What important rights did the new owner receive?

The _____, _____ & _____ railroad was completed in _____, linking _____ to Southern California.

Know the reason why railroad developers in the late 1890's had determined the Las Vegas Valley would be a prime location for a stop facility & town.

Know the location of the site of the original railroad depot, and the name of the hotel that stands there today.

Know some anecdotes about William A. Clark. Was he considered an honest man? Was he born rich? Did he ever live in Nevada? How wealthy was he? What happened to his youngest daughter?

What year (and day) did the railroad begin/hold the auction of lots in downtown?

Know some statistics on number of lots and lot sizes, prices, etc. from the 1905 auction.

Know the "competing" townsite to the railroad's townsite. Where was it, what was it named, after who, and what happened to it?

What were some of the first buildings that were built in the new townsite?

Know the three names of the hotel that was opened in 1906, and assigned the first telephone with the number 1. Hint: one of the names is what spelled backwards?

What block was designated for gambling, prostitution, and the sale of alcohol?

This block is the origin of Las Vegas' moniker of "Sin City" and was located between _____ Street and _____ Street between _____ & _____ Avenues.

Whom was it was designed to satisfy & gratify?



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Know the name of the most well-known and longest lasting club & saloon of this location, the club's nickname and what drink style of bar it was famous for.

Authorities, including the police commissioner, raided the block on what date & why?

Tourists can still visit this distinctive piece of Las Vegas history where?

Know the date that street lights were installed on Fremont St.

Where were they?

Gambling was legal in Nevada from 1869 until what year when it outlawed?

What year was it then made legal once again?

When was the sale and consumption of alcohol made illegal? When was it made legal again?

Did Nevada abide by the law regards gambling and liquor?

When was prostitution made illegal in Las Vegas and why?

Who and where had the first gaming license in Las Vegas?

Know the dates when Clark County was founded & Las Vegas incorporated.

For the first 30 years of the new city's history (beginning 1905), how important was the railroad to the new town?

What and when was the first casino hotel built specifically as a house of gambling?

Fremont Street was _____ from Main Street to Fifth Street in what year?

Know the three reasons why the young town of Las Vegas was virtually insulated from economic hardships that affected most American cities in the 1930's.

What club installed the first neon sign on a gambling establishment in 1931? It was only the second such sign in the city. The first Las Vegas installation of neon signage was in 1927 at the Oasis Restaurant.

The abundance of _____, like cowboy Vegas _____ or cowgirl Vegas _____ earned the street the nickname of _____.

Vegas _____'s human-like abilities of _____ & _____ of its arm helped it become the unofficial welcoming symbol of Las Vegas. He would say " _____!"



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Know some facts & dates about the Golden Nugget.

Know some facts & dates about the Binion family and the casino/hotel.

What prompted the owner/builder to name his hotel the Four Queens?

Know some facts & dates about the Fremont Hotel.

What street are the above hotels on?

What luxurious, air-conditioned Fremont Street movie theater opened on June 21, 19____?
It closed in what year _____ and what type of business is it now?

Know about the type of businesses that lined the streets from 4th St, to 6th St from the 1930s to the 1960s. Be able to name some of the stores or businesses and what is currently there?

The installation of the _____ in 19____ marks a long forward step in the life and business activity of Fremont Street.

Know when the Fremont Street Experience was built and some facts about it and the canopy.

Know about the revitalization of East Fremont Street. What is the area called?

What historical artifacts are located there in the center of the street?

Who is considered the visionary of the new downtown project and revitalization?

What are your thoughts about the new Container Park?

What are the newest properties downtown? Know some facts about these properties. What recent changes have happened downtown?

What important museum is located downtown? What was the building previously and what event occurred there in 1950? Why was that event significant to Las Vegas?

Operationally –

Where are some good downtown locations to park a coach or drop off clients?

Where are some restrooms located?

What would you suggest people see downtown?

What are the times for the Fremont Street Experience light shows?

Helpful timeline: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/history/timeline/>