Post Visit Activity

Directions: Fill in the blank with the correct answers in regards to Cantigny and the McCormick family.

1. Joseph Medill, Robert McCormick’s grandfather, was the original owner of the estate and was also involved in newspapers. What political candidate did he support in the 1860 presidential election?

(Hint: Joseph Medill also helped found the Republican Party and this candidate was famously Republican!)

2. Robert McCormick was the editor and publisher of ______________ for 44 years.

3. Robert McCormick also created WGN radio and TV.

What does WGN stand for? ______________

4. Robert McCormick served in what unit during the First World War?

5. Robert McCormick’s estate was originally named Red Oak Farm, why did he rename it Cantigny?

6. Robert McCormick really liked technology. Give at least one example of his use of technology: ____________________________
7. In addition to his work at the newspaper, name one of Robert McCormick’s other interests.

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8. Primary sources are documents, pictures or art from the time under study and secondary sources were created later. Why do museums and historians like primary sources a bit better than secondary sources?

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9. If primary sources are preferred by historians, why do you think there are secondary sources? (**Hint:** This is a critical thinking question that might not have been covered on your visit).

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10. Robert McCormick believed strongly in philanthropy. Philanthropy can be defined as “helping other people.” Name one of Robert McCormick’s favorite causes for philanthropy or a way in which he helped other people.

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