

Lighthouses

Post-Visit Activities

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

Educational Tour



Discuss what you have learned about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

1. Why was Cape Canaveral chosen as the site for a lighthouse?
Because of dangerous shoals offshore
2. Why is the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse so tall? It is on a flat shore
3. Why is the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse called an “aid to navigation?” It guides mariners
4. Why did the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse have a First Order Fresnel Lens (the largest lens available)? Because it is a sea side lighthouse
5. How could sailors recognize the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse in the day time? At night? By its day mark in the daytime and its characteristic flashing light at night
6. What duties did the lighthouse keeper have to perform to keep the lamp burning bright? Answer from tour of lighthouse
7. What was life like for the keeper’s family? Answer from tour of lighthouse
8. What role did the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse play in World War II? Answer from tour of lighthouse museum
9. Why was Cape Canaveral chosen as a rocket test range? Answer from pre-visit presentation
10. What are some endangered species which live at Cape Canaveral? Answer from tour of lighthouse

Write about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

Lighthouse keepers were required to keep records of things that they observed each day, duties they performed and things that happened at the lighthouse station each day. Create log entries for a week in the life of a keeper at Cape Canaveral in the 1800s.

Or

Write a poem (your teacher can instruct you as to the type of poem you should write).

Some very famous writers of the nineteenth century wrote poems about lighthouses. You might want to read their poems. Robert Louis Stephenson wrote a poem called *The Light Keeper* and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote one called *The Lighthouse*.

A not so famous woman who was born at Cape Canaveral wrote several poems about her life there. Her name was Canaveral Rose Tucker Koonze. In her poem *My Canaveral Lighthouse* she wrote:

“At night on my pillow I’d never count sheep.

I’d just count your beams and go right off to sleep”

Some ideas for your poem might be:

A description of a lighthouse on a lonely shore

A sailor on a stormy sea looking for the light of a lighthouse

Life at a lighthouse station

A rocket rising above the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse

Can you think of other ideas for a poem about a lighthouse?

Read stories about lighthouse keepers and their families

There are many books about the children who lived in lighthouses, women who kept the lights and pets who lived in lighthouses. Check your school and public libraries for books about lighthouses.

Some you might enjoy are:

Three Beams of Light, Norma Engel

Living in a Lighthouse, LuAnne Kozma

Abbie Burgess, Lighthouse Heroine, Ruth Sargent

Abbie Against the Storm, Marcia Vaughn

Captain Angus, The Lighthouse Ghost, Windy Laing

The Ghosts of Black Point, Penn Mullen

The Waving Girl, J.B. Nicholas

Safely to Shore: America's Lighthouses, Iris Van Rynbach

The Light At Tern Rock, Julia L. Sauer

The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter, Arielle North Olson

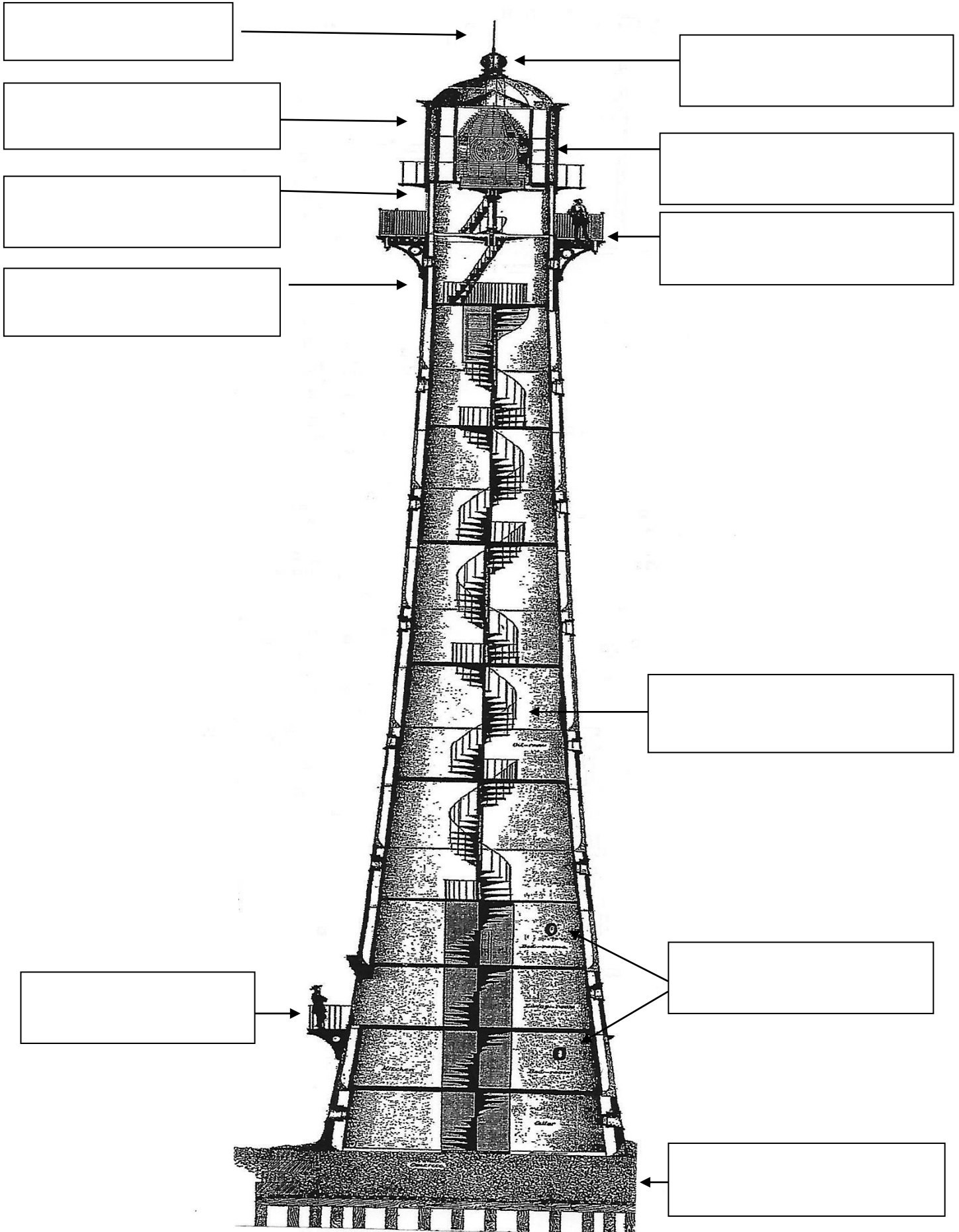
The Sea Chest, Toni Buzzeo

Women of the Lights, Candance Fleming

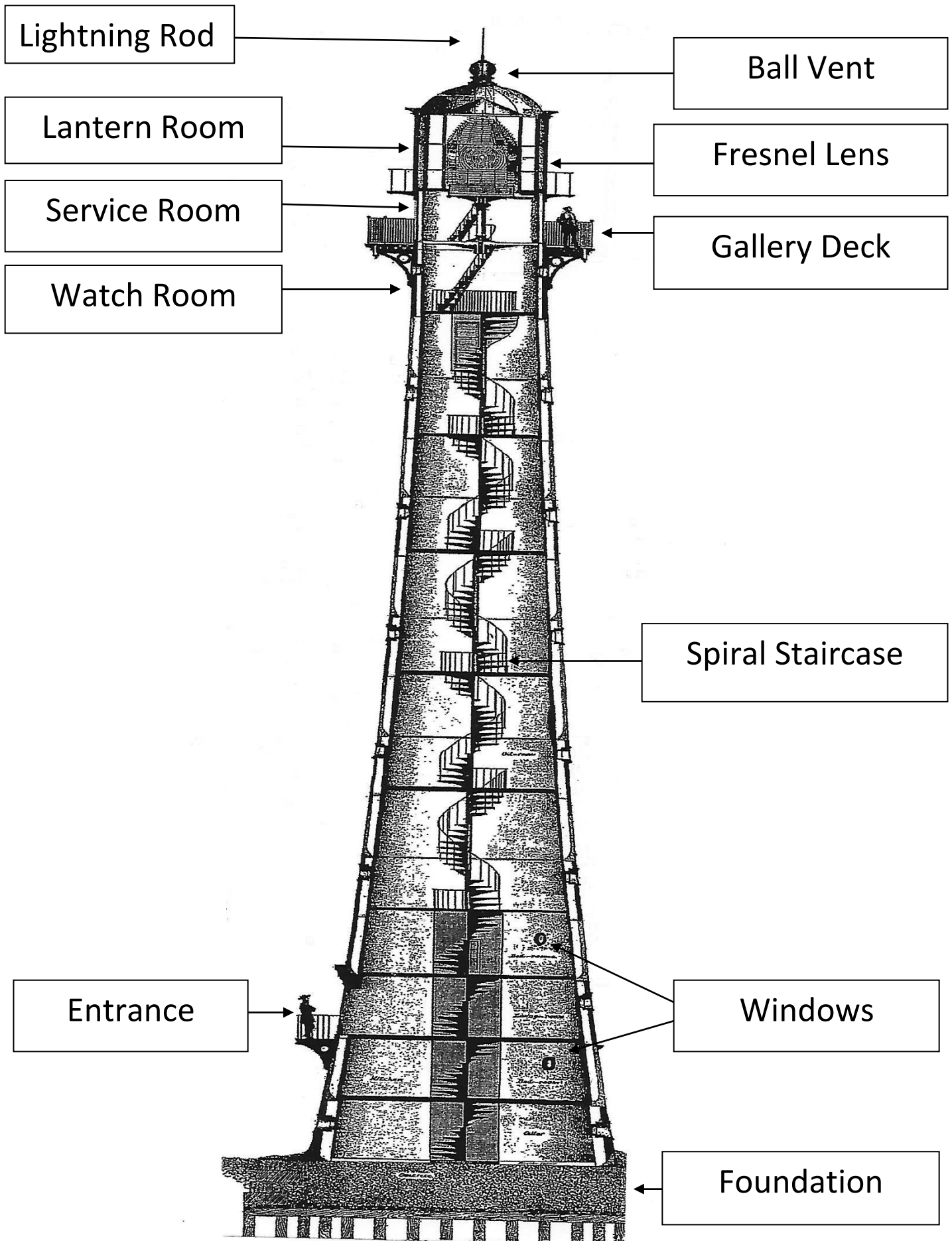
The Lightkeepers' Menagerie, Elionor DeWire

Show what you have learned about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse by working the following puzzles

Identify each part of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse



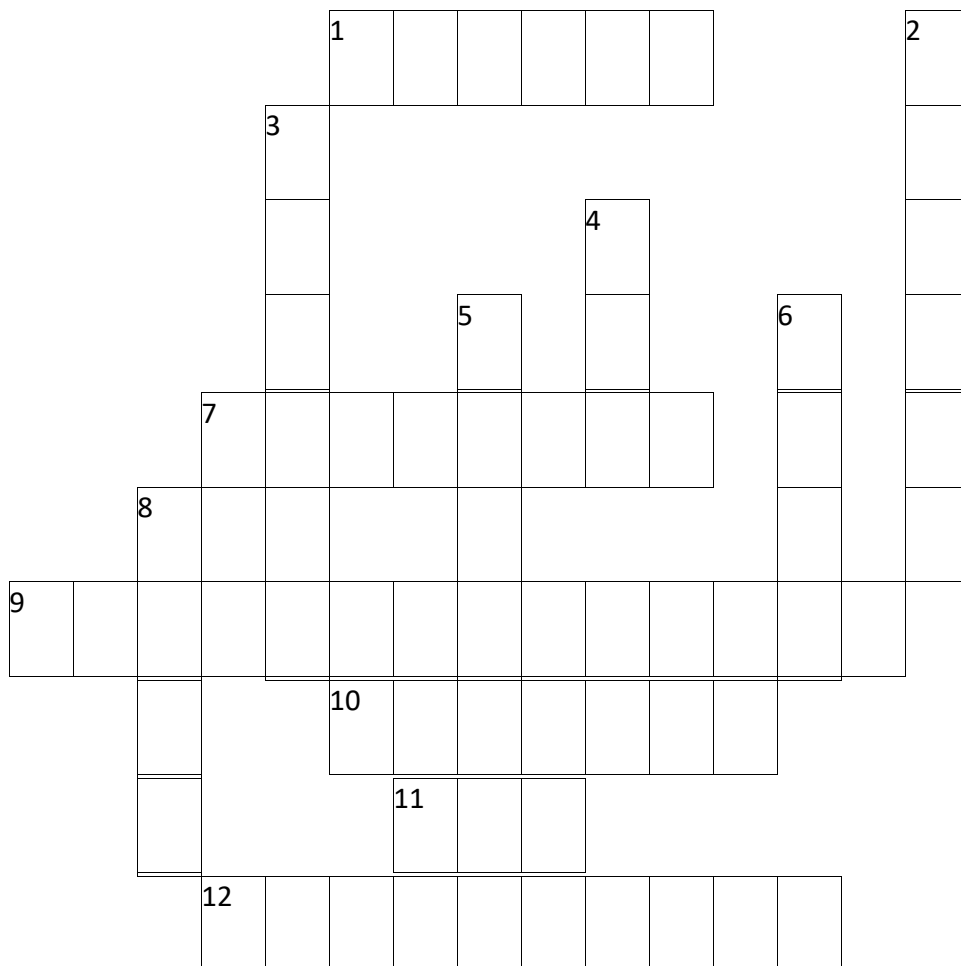
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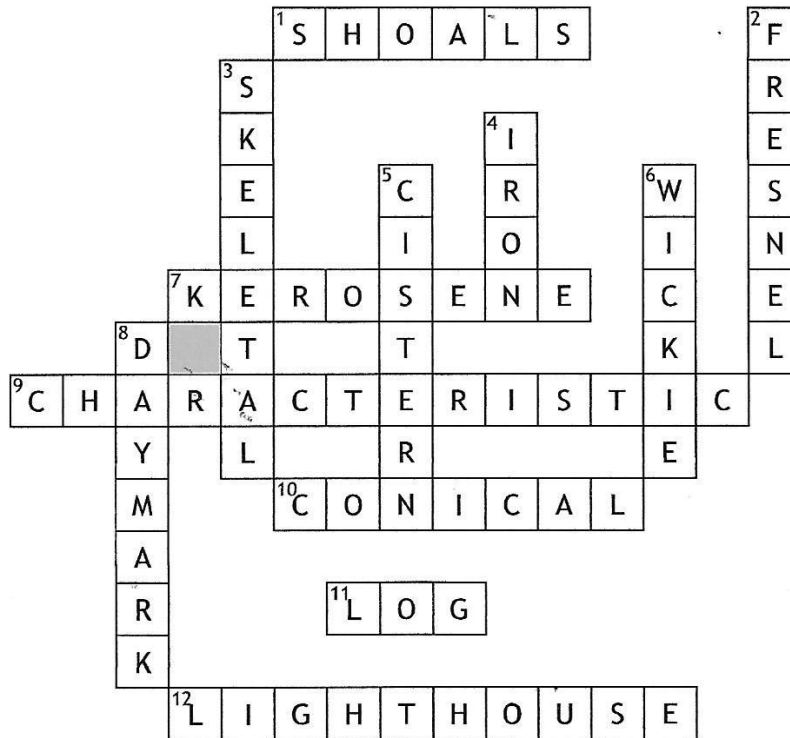
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