

# HUNTING *FOR* WILL ROGERS

The fun and famous student scavenger hunt to find facts in the galleries and halls of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore, Oklahoma



**W**hen Will Rogers was eight years old, he was sent away to school at Harrell International Institute in Muskogee for fourth grade. Late in the year, he became homesick and briefly returned home to the family ranch near Oologah, sick with the mumps.

Will Rogers started school at Drumgoole, an Indian school near Chelsea. The tuition was a \$1.00 per month, and most students were full-blood Cherokee. English was their second language. Following Harrell and the death of his mother, Mary America Schrimsher, he enrolled at Willie Halsell Institute at Vinita, then Scarritt College at Neosho, Missouri, and completed his formal education at Kemper Academy, a military school in Boonville, Missouri.

As an adult, Will Rogers said he learned in two ways: "one is reading. The other is association with smarter people." Will read several newspapers every day for most of his life. As a child at home, his mother taught him to read. He never stopped reading.

# WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUMS SCAVENGER HUNT

1. Will Rogers was born in what year? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How old was Will when he died? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rogers County was named after Will's father. What was his name?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Will was approximately 1/4th Indian. What tribe? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Will's wife was from Rogers, Arkansas. What was her name?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Name the artist who painted the three pieces of art on the south wall of the first room, the West Gallery? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Will used the "wine glass" brand on his horses. What brand did he use on his cattle? \_\_\_\_\_
8. A "Gaicho" saddle is on display in the museum. In what country were cowboys called Gaichos? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Will's mother, a sister, and daughter all had the same first name. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What team sport did Will Rogers like to play that used horses, mallets, and a ball? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What was the stage name used by Will in his early vaudeville and Wild West acts? \_\_\_\_\_
12. In a family photograph, what unusual pet, named Sarah, was shown in the living room? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Complete this phrase, "I never met a man \_\_\_\_\_."
14. Name the western artist friend of Will's who sculpted a small statue of Will on a horse with no name. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Name the 1922 silent movie starring Will that shows many of his roping tricks. \_\_\_\_\_
16. A movie made in 1935 and released after Will's death was about Will as the captain of a boat. Name the movie. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Name the 1991 musical about Will that is shown in the museum.  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Who was the pilot of the plane that crashed with Will aboard, killing both of them? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What color was the plane that crashed? \_\_\_\_\_
20. The museum is on land that Will purchased in 1911. In what year did the museum open? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What is the name of the artist who illustrated the children's book *Will Rogers: An American Legend*? \_\_\_\_\_
22. A replica of Will's office in his large ranch house is shown in one gallery. In what state is the ranch located? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Will was born in Indian Territory which later became the state of Oklahoma. In what territory did he die? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Will Rogers claimed two Oklahoma "home" towns. One of them was Claremore. What was the other? \_\_\_\_\_
25. In the museum rotunda stands a large bronze statue of Will that was completed in Paris in 1938. Who was the artist? \_\_\_\_\_

# Will Rogers

1879-1935

Witty Cowboy-Philosopher



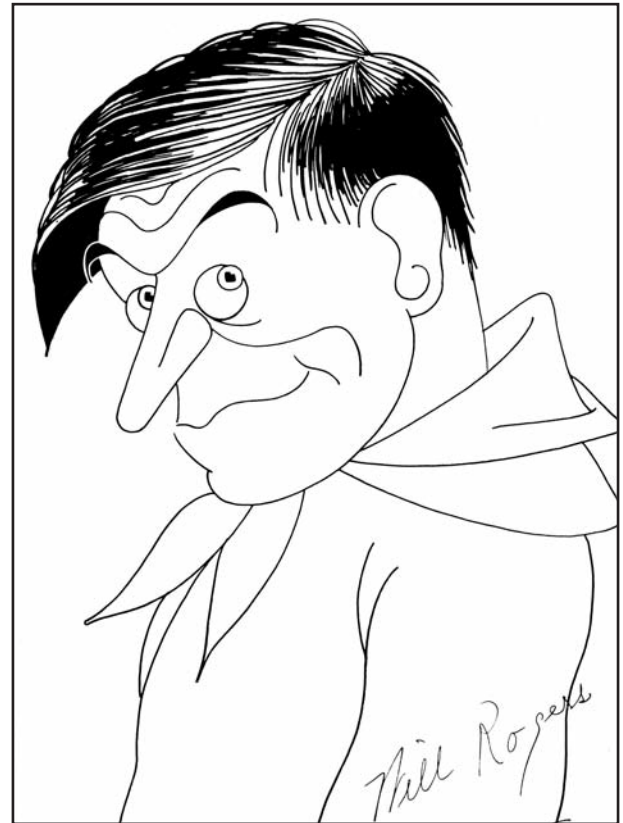
**W**ill Rogers was an American cowboy whose wit was warmed by kindness.

The integrity came from both the frontier environment of his youth and from his native Cherokee Indian people. His credo of brotherhood, "I never met a man I didn't like," was a courageous claim. He lived a life of tolerance, extensive generosity, and wholesome acceptance of peoples of all nationalities, races, beliefs, and customs.

Invention and innovation captured his fancy. As new media were invented, Will Rogers became their star. Starting as a trick roper in Wild West shows, Will Rogers won success on Broadway, in movies, journalism, broadcasting, and as a public speaker.

He was one of America's best paid writers and entertainers but quietly gave away large sums of his own money to the needy and campaigned for donations to Red Cross and Salvation Army relief efforts. Defying expectations, Will Rogers remained a lifelong Oklahoma cowboy at heart.

Tell your friends about the multi-gallery Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore, Oklahoma, and the 400-acre Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch near Oologah. Next visit, bring your friends and family to the museum and ranch. Open 8:00 am till 5:00 pm, 365 days a year.



## Will Rogers Memorial Museum

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