

This quest begins at the main entrance on the north porch. It will lead you to a treasure box with a stamp pad and quest book. Please leave a note and/or drawing in our quest book. In your own journal, make an impression with our stamp. Collect impressions from other quests you've tried.

Quest of Giants

The frowning guardian keeps watch over this door to another world—a world where giants once walked.

Write the name of the guardian here:

(Answer 1)

The giants of Stonehurst had big ideas for the world of their friends from the future: YOU!

One made powerful buildings like no other; the second promoted world peace; and the third was the father of public parks in America.

Stand with your back to the giant-sized door and face the guardian. Walk straight past him, until you've passed the corner of the house and are standing on an emerald lawn.

Look back and find the mischievous wink that the first giant built into the house, a house of many secrets.



The first giant, an architect named Richardson, was fun-loving and playful but also very wise. His buildings reach across time and space to connect us with the history of the planet and its people.

The second giant, the owner of the house, built homes for the poor and promoted world peace. His name was Robert Treat Paine.

His last name, spelled a different way, is an object that appears many times on his house. There are 136 of them in the windows near the peak

of the roof alone! What is this object?

(Answer 2)

Each window near the peak has how many rows of these?

Write that number here:

(Answer 3)

To your left, you'll spot a white birch tree. Walk toward it to stand within the stone arm of the terrace built by the third giant, named Olmsted.

This giant, the architect of the landscape, believed that all people are happiest and healthiest when they live close to nature. He designed his terrace to be an outdoor room, and its walls to be a home for plants and animals.

The giants knew the secrets of the sun, the truest time keeper. Visible from this spot is a feature that tells time by the sun. This feature on the tower uses a language and counting system of an ancient Western culture.

Name the counting system:

(Answer 4)

Follow the arm of Olmsted's terrace which will lead you to a 200-year-old white pine tree. Stand below the tree and look up to see muscular limbs and scars from many battles with Mother Nature herself.

At the edge of the field, to your left, find a feature from the Ice Age. Look closely at the surface of Glacier Rock to find evidence of the glaciers that covered New England millions of years ago. The left (north) edge of Glacier Rock points back to the white birch.

Stand at the white birch, at the base of Olmsted's bouldered terrace wall facing the sundial. Beneath a big boulder, behind a loose rock, you will find the treasure chest!

To unlock the treasure chest, you will need the combination to the lock. For the first two numbers of the combination, take the first two letters of answer 1, and apply answer 4. For the third number of the combination, use answer 3.

The combination is:

Hint: Roman Numeral Chart

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|---|---|------|
| I | = | 1 |
| V | = | 5 |
| X | = | 10 |
| L | = | 50 |
| C | = | 100 |
| D | = | 500 |
| M | = | 1000 |



Architect H.H. Richardson is a giant in the history of American architecture.

*He recognized that he was part of a much longer tradition of great thinkers, and dressed accordingly for the purpose of this portrait.
Photo by G.C. Cox, 1883.*



Key features in this quest are found this early aerial view of Stonehurst.



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Have fun trying one of Stonehurst's new family-friendly self-guided treasure hunts!

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