Educators Kit

Old Prison Museums Lesson Plans

The information you need to complete these worksheets will come from the guided tour book and the other materials provided.

What Was It For? : Answers

1.	The Hole
The Hole was a disciplinary area into which inmates were placed for punishment.	
2.	Siberia
East and West Siberia were cells used for solitary confinement.	
3.	The Prison Yard
The Prison Yard was used by inmates to pass the time, to take part in many different activities, such as basketball, baseball, etc.	
4.	The W.A. Clark Theater
The theater held many different events, such as concerts, boxing matches, plays and movie shows.	
5.	The Underground Tunnel
The guards used this tunnel to observe the inmates in different areas of the prison.	

6.	The Cat Walk.
The guards used this to observe inmates in the upper tiers of the cellblock.	
7.	The Yellow Line in the 1912 Cell Block
The inmates would walk out of the prison single file along this line. The guards would walk on this line at night to perform a head count of the inmates in their cells.	
8.	The Galloping Gallows.
These were used to carry out executions of the inmates. The Gallows were mobile to enable the execution to take place in the county in which the crime was committed.	
9.	The Slide Bar cells.
These were disciplinary cells housed in Maximum Security.	
10.	The Black Box. (There are two.)
These were disciplinary cells housed in Maximum Security. Inmates that continued to cause problems in the Slide Bar cells could be placed in the Black Box as further punishment.	
11.	Sally Port.
This is the vehicle entrance and exit to the Prison Yard, with three gates for secure access.	