Educators Kit

Old Prison Museums Lesson Plans

Turkey Pete: Questions & Answers

1.	What was Turkey Pete's real name?
Paul Eitner	
2.	How old was "Pete" and in what year was he sentenced to prison?
He was 40 years of age when he was sentenced in 1819	
3.	What was his crime?
Murder	
4.	How did he get the nickname Turkey Pete?
He sold the prison turkey flock to a farmer for 25 cents a piece.	
5.	What was one of the first things Pete bought?
The prison, it was his castle.	
6.	Name some of Pete's business ventures.
Sold ships to the Navy. Sold pink alligators. Sold grasshopper legs to Fidel Castro. Bought alfalfa seeds from Poncho Villa. Saved the Brazilian coffee crop.	
7.	What year did Pete die and how old was he?
In 1976 at the age of 89	
8.	After his death, what did the prison administration do with his cell?
It was retired and used as a barbershop.	