



# Savannah City Hall Activity Sheet

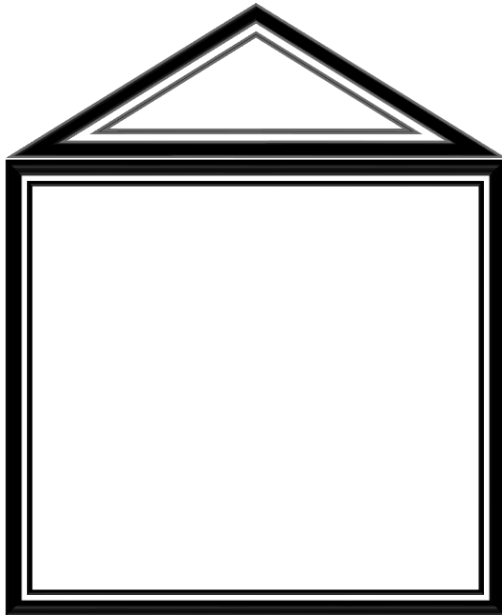
Savannah City Hall was planned and built between 1903-1906. When construction started, a special stone cornerstone was laid that had a time capsule inside of it.

- *cornerstone (noun): a stone representing the starting place in the construction of a special building*

***Find City Hall's cornerstone. What is carved on the cornerstone?***

***If you were to fill a time capsule to remember your summer, what would you put in it?***

City Hall architecture is made up of many geometric shapes.  
List all the shapes you can find.



City Hall has two carved sculptures of female allegorical figures that look down over Bay Street. These sculptures hold symbols representing Savannah.

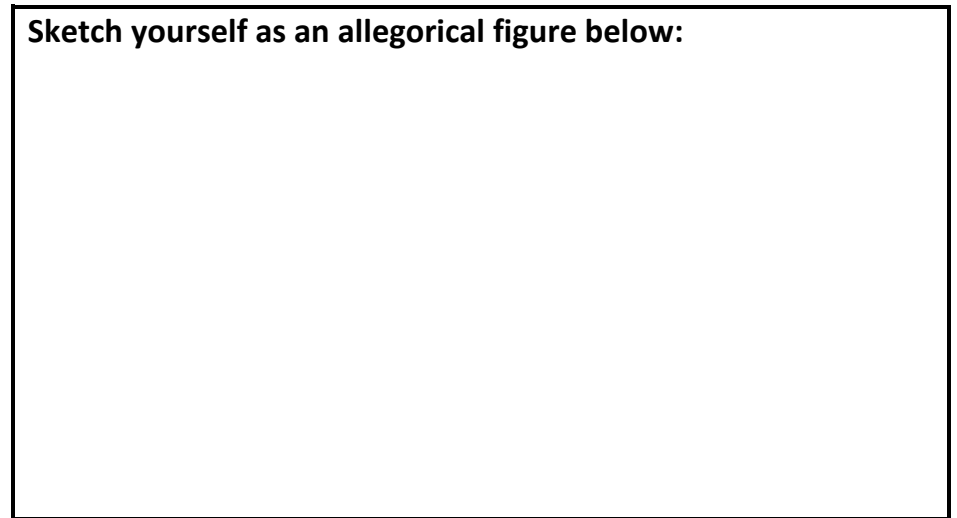
- *Allegorical figure (noun): an artistic representation of one thing that stands in for something else.*

***Can you tell what the statues are holding?***

***Think about things that Savannah is famous for. What do you think these symbols represent?***

***What symbols or items would you be holding if you were represented as a statue?***

Sketch yourself as an allegorical figure below:





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CIRCLE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES



The image on the left is the original watercolor design of City Hall painted by the architect, Hyman Wallace Witcover, in 1904.



The image on the right is a modern photograph of City Hall.

- Answers:**
- City Hall's cornerstone is located at the northeast corner of the building on the Bay Street level. It is carved with the year 1904, the Masonic year 5904, and the Masonic symbol for the compass.
  - "Art" holds a painter's palette representing Savannah's artistic community and has an Ionic capital representing architecture at her feet.
  - "Commerce" holds a ship representing the port and a gear wheel or machine cog at her feet representing Savannah's industry.