

**Great Massachusetts Day Trips
Module 4—Culture and Lifestyle
Extension Activity—MA Handbook Reading and Activity**

ANSWERS

Directions:

- Read pages 32 through 37 in your MA Handbook.
- Answer the questions below.
- **Bonus questions** are those for which there is no answer in the book. You will have to use a search engine such as [Google](http://www.google.com) or [Yahoo](http://www.yahoo.com) to find these answers.

Questions		Book Page
1.	What four writers were MA neighbors? Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Louisa May Alcott	page 32
2.	Who is the “Belle of Amherst”? Emily Dickenson	page 32
3.	When did the Boston Symphony Orchestra begin playing summer concerts at Tanglewood? 1938	page 32
4.	The Appalachian Trail runs between which two states? Maine and Georgia A section of the Appalachian Trail runs through which portion of MA? Berkshire County Bonus Question: How long is the Appalachian Trail? 2,174 miles Bonus Question: In addition to Maine and Georgia, what other states does the Appalachian trail run through? New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina http://www.nps.gov/appa/	page 33
5.	Which MA museum pioneered interaction between museum goers and their exhibits? the Children’s Museum	page 33
6.	MA colleges and universities are what percentage of all New England colleges and universities? Note: you will have to do the math for this question. To see how to find what percentage one number is of another, read the following: $\frac{x}{y} \text{ times } 100$ Percentages are calculated by dividing one number by another. If we want to know "x" as a percent of "y", we divide x by y and multiply by 100. Example: 20 is what % of 80? $\frac{20}{80} \text{ times } 100 = 25\%$ $\frac{118}{257} \text{ times } 100 = 45.9\%$ ANSWER TO BONUS QUESTION	page 34

7.	Bonus Question: What states are collectively called “New England”? Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Maine																																																	
8.	When did Sprague Electric Company move to North Adams? 1941	page 34																																																
9.	Sprague Electric Company manufactured components for what major WWII weapon system? the atomic bomb	page 34																																																
10.	When did Mass MoCA open its doors? 1999 Have you ever visited Mass MoCA? If yes, what did you see there? If, no, would you like to visit the museum some time?	page 34																																																
11.	Which is the oldest of the colleges and universities mentioned in the handbook? Harvard 1636 Create a list of all the colleges and universities that orders them from the oldest to the newest. <table border="1" data-bbox="284 808 1315 1417"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Harvard University</td> <td>Cambridge</td> <td>1636</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Williams College</td> <td>Williamstown</td> <td>1793</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amherst College</td> <td>Amherst</td> <td>1821</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mt. Holyoke College</td> <td>South Hadley</td> <td>1837</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boston University</td> <td>Boston</td> <td>1839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College of the Holy Cross</td> <td>Worcester</td> <td>1843</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tufts Medical School</td> <td>Medford</td> <td>1852</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MIT (MA Institute of Technology)</td> <td>Cambridge</td> <td>1861</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Boston College</td> <td>Chestnut Hill</td> <td>1863</td> </tr> <tr> <td>University of Massachusetts</td> <td>Amherst/Boston</td> <td>1863</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellesley College</td> <td>Wellesley</td> <td>1870</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smith College</td> <td>Northampton</td> <td>1871</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Radcliffe College</td> <td>Cambridge</td> <td>1879</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeastern University</td> <td>Boston</td> <td>1898</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brandeis University</td> <td>Waltham</td> <td>1948</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	School	Location	Date	Harvard University	Cambridge	1636	Williams College	Williamstown	1793	Amherst College	Amherst	1821	Mt. Holyoke College	South Hadley	1837	Boston University	Boston	1839	College of the Holy Cross	Worcester	1843	Tufts Medical School	Medford	1852	MIT (MA Institute of Technology)	Cambridge	1861	Boston College	Chestnut Hill	1863	University of Massachusetts	Amherst/Boston	1863	Wellesley College	Wellesley	1870	Smith College	Northampton	1871	Radcliffe College	Cambridge	1879	Northeastern University	Boston	1898	Brandeis University	Waltham	1948	pages 34-35
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12.	What five major big-league sports teams are in MA? Boston Celtics (Basketball) Boston Bruins (Hockey) Boston Red Sox (Baseball) New England Patriots (Football) New England Revolution (Soccer)	page 35																																																
13.	Bonus Question: The handbook was published before some major sports wins occurred in MA. Update this information. Boston Red Sox Baseball championship 2004 New England Patriots Superbowl Championships 2002, 2004, 2005																																																	
14.	Some believe the Boston Red Sox baseball team has a curse. How did they get it? When they traded Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees	page 36																																																
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