

## Washburn Academy Trivia

1. Washburn Academy's namesake, Cadwallader Washburn, is buried in La Crosse's Oak Grove Cemetery. His grave is marked by a 55-ton obelisk which resembles what famous monument?
2. The monument was commissioned by the Washburn estate and built at a Granite Works in Rhode Island. The monument was shipped from Rhode Island to La Crosse. Try to imagine how many reinforced flat cars were needed.
3. Technology in 1885 wasn't what it is today. Guess how long it took to move the monument from the railroad tracks in downtown La Crosse and set it up in Oak Grove Cemetery.
4. Perhaps the horse drawn wagons used to transport the monument were a precursor to the "horse/tractor pulls," popular at some local county fairs today. How many horses were hooked up to pull the wagons?
5. Anyone driving on State Street in downtown La Crosse today, from Second to Third Street, will notice a slight incline. The incline was too much for the horses, as the wagon wheels sank several inches into State Street. With the help of more horsepower, the procession made it's way to the cemetery. How many horses did it take to complete the journey?
6. Reaching the cemetery was only part of the job! Two 70-foot wooden spars had accompanied the monument, to be used to hoist the monument up and into place. Workers again underestimated the enormity of their task, as they hitched their clamps and tackles to a 16-inch diameter tree to hoist the monument into place. What was the fate of the tree?



## Answers to Washburn Academy Trivia

1. The Washington Monument
2. Four
3. More than two weeks
4. 20
5. 32
6. It was uprooted