

# Blue by Joyce Hostetter

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1. What special objects did Mrs. Hostetter's family keep in a gray shoebox? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many children does Mrs. Hostetter have? \_\_\_\_\_ grandchildren?  
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3. Name one interesting place Mrs. Hostetter has visited.  
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Click [here](#) to answer questions 4-6.

4. What type of fiction does Mrs. Hostetter write? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How long does she research the topic before writing a novel? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is her favorite form of research?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Click [here](#) to answer questions 7-14.

7. How old was Franklin D. Roosevelt when he contracted polio in 1921?  
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8. Roosevelt started an organization called The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to find a cure for polio. This organization later became known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Polio is an infectious \_\_\_\_\_ disease that enters through the mouth or nose, then travels to the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. At the peak of the polio epidemic in 1952, how many cases of the disease were reported? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who invented a vaccine for polio? \_\_\_\_\_
12. When polio paralyzed the muscles needed for breathing, patients were treated with a machine known as an iron lung. When was the iron lung invented? \_\_\_\_\_ How much did an iron lung cost? \_\_\_\_\_
13. In 1944, a local camp was transformed into an emergency hospital for polio patients in Hickory, North Carolina. The creation of this

emergency hospital was called "The Miracle of Hickory" because it was completed in only \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

14. How long were patients in quarantine (isolation) after they arrived at the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. The polio virus no longer exists in the United States, but hundred of new cases are still reported every year in some parts of the world. Rotary International is an organization that is committed to eliminating this disease worldwide. Scroll to the bottom of the page and watch the slide show. Over the years, how many polio vaccines have Rotary members given out? \_\_\_\_\_

Click [here](#) to answer questions 16-17.

16. Where is the world's largest known Wisteria vine, measuring more than 1 acre in size and weighing 250 tons? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Where could you find Wisteria growing, other than the eastern United States? \_\_\_\_\_

In July, 1944 Life magazine published a story about the "Miracle of Hickory." Click [here](#) to see actual photos that were taken for the story. Double-click on each photo to enlarge it and read the caption. Use your "Back" button to return to the photo collection.