READING IS OURS: A FOLK MURAL OF READING, PA MURAL KEY



- 1. Thun and Janssen German immigrant textile machinery industrialists
- 2. Ringgold Band part of the First Responders artillery unit in American Civil War
- 3. Textile Mill Workers, Rosy the Riveters Wyomissing Industries made machinery, hosiery and eventually parachutes for the US army in WWII.
- 4. Peace Rock Mt Penn staple
- 5. Dinah Clark well known freed slave
- 6. Aristocrats from Diego Rivera mural "Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park" currently in Mexico City
- 7. PA Dutch Hex Artist traditionalist artist
- 8. Andrew Pochan Reading is Ours lead muralist

- 9. Mr. Neutron a Monty Python character from the future
- 10. Keith Haring Reading artist, a giant in late 20th century art
- 11. Philly Phanatic transplanted mascot
- 12. Taylor Swift she started her career in the Reading Phillies stadium
- 13. Future Hippie anti-war protestor 10 years before her time
- 14. Pine Forge Andrew Rutter created a forge that employed blacks and natives
- 15. Charles Evans Cemetery Rook burial site of many Reading residents
- 16. Giant Pretzel penultimate symbol of Reading PA
- 17. Abe Minker 20th century racketeer, organized crime boss
- 18. Hopewell Furnace designated a National Historic Site, created many things made of iron in colonial and post independent eras. Mark Bird made cannons for the defense of America during the War of Independence
- 19. Latino Immigrants dominant demographic currently in Reading PA
- 20. Channel 69 News Reading's television and internet news station
- 21. Car Race Reading Fairgrounds Speedway and Maple Grove Raceway to reference two past and present race tracks
- 22. Barbershop Quartet Norman Rockwell painting reference
- 23. William Penn Memorial Fire tower the non-pagoda building on Mt Penn
- 24. Colonials, Minute Men, American Soldiers freedom fighters in War of Independence
- 25. Conrad Weiser German/American translator to Native Tribes in America
- 26. Iroquois (aka Six Nations)- dominant native tribe after Lenape
- 27. Goggleworks glass blower an arts center in Reading, started in 2005 in a former safety goggle factory; location of the "Reading is Ours" mural
- 28. Quinceanera party a sweet sixteen held a year earlier, Latino tradition
- 29. Disco party a fad in the late 1970's
- 30. Jug band
- 31. Reading Railroad once the most profitable business in the world, a paragon of Reading's industry and a lesson in capitalistic transience
- 32. Immigrants German, Swedish, Irish, Dominican, Puerto Rican flocked to Reading as cheap labor and developed roots and new traditions
- 33. Amish Buggy the thing you don't want to get stuck behind
- 34. Honda Civic a favorite of the Mt Penn hill climbers
- 35. Rhea Duryea test driver
- 36. Isaac Cole freed black, owner of over 100 acres of land near French Creek

- 37. Underground Railroad many abolitionists developed a network of safe houses and properties in Reading to protect runaway slaves on their way to Canada
- 38. Sarah Finney first land owner and farmer in what is now Reading, PA
- 39. Mohns Jones with Lenape early Swedish trader to native tribe along Schuylkill river
- 40. Thomas Penn credited as founder of Reading, though there is doubt he ever set foot in the settlement, famous treaty breaker
- 41. Speakeasy a common establishment in Reading for illegal alcohol during America's misguided attempt at legalizing morality (1920-1933)
- 42. Max Hassel bootlegger and all around folk hero, murdered by rival in 1933
- 43. Grande Odalisque painting by Jean Auguste Ingres, currently in the Louvre
- 44. William Penn founder of Pennsylvania, from Reading, Berkshire England
- 45. Matthias Schaumbacher and wife infamous serial murderer in Reading 18th century
- 46. Penn View Motel infamous motel in West Reading, 20th century
- 47. Paper Mill common site along Schuylkill and its tributaries 17-19th century
- 48. Corn grown in abundance in Berks county
- 49. Mountain Mary a folk legend, naturalist lived in Oley Valley north of Reading 18-19th century
- 50. Pomeroy's large elegant department store in downtown Reading
- 51. Francis Nolde pilot, head of Civil Air Patrol who rose to rank of Colonel
- 52. The Castle playground favorite of all ages in City Park
- 53. Lenape Longhouse a common structure of Lenape living quarters