

Chapter 1

Latitude, Longitude, and Fortitude

Part 1

For your first actual clue
It's for the best that we review,
For this journey requires a moderate
Knowledge of GPS coordinates
And a strong familiarity with Google Streetview.

As far as latitude, what we will see
Are measurements of seconds, minutes, and degrees.
The shortest are seconds.
How long are they, I reckon?
About 30 meters they be.

Than a second, a minute is sixty times longer,
But if you thought this was *time*, you couldn't be wronger.
It's distance we'll be multiplyin'
There can absolutely be no denyin'
Do you feel your brain getting stronger?

Finally, degrees are the largest by far.
To travel one would take you an hour by car.
But now that's it's been settled,
I hope you're not too disheveled
To begin our journey afar.

Enough procrastination.
Let's get to our first destination.
To collect the right digits
Let's start with latitudinal minutes
Thirty-seven north and you might win it.

Speaking of latitude,
Enough with the platitudes.
I suggest with great ease
You try twenty-four degrees,
And forty-five point seven-six-two seconds is a certitude!

What's that? You want longitude?
You can drop the attitude.
Try degrees west eight-two,
And if you can avoid being rude,
I'll tell you the minutes, too. (fifty-two)

Ahoy, you can get there!
Hold on, why the despair?
Oh I see that you've beckoned
For the longitudinal seconds
Twenty-four point nine-eight-nine to find the middle of nowhere....

Part 2

Welcome to the hexagon!
I hope it didn't take too long.
Take some time to explore
The archways and the shore
Before putting your thinking cap on.

My question for you
Is a math problem, too.
The answer I need quick
Begins first with the bricks.
How many does this structure include?

Now set that large number aside.
Let's go on a deep dive.
In this fort so ornate
Who were the most famous inmates,
And in what year did they commit their crime?

Now the answer to this riddle
Is somewhere in the middle.
The second into the first.
What number is dispersed
when you divide a little?