

Solution to Clue #5

The key to this puzzle was realizing that, in each section, the language that the word "LIFE" was written in could combine with a synonym of the clue word to form a common phrase. The six phrases were SPANISH INQUISITION, JAPANESE BEETLE, ENGLISH PATIENT, ITALIAN JOB, RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, and CHINESE NEW YEAR. The next step was to find these phrases, Boggle-style, in the grid and color them in:

G	N	E	I	S	H	O	D	E	R	O	S	I	I	O
E	O	P	S	N	B	I	N	L	U	U	S	S	T	N
W	O	D	E	A	E	E	T	Q	L	I	J	I	T	O
Y	R	N	P	S	B	D	L	T	E	O	N	A	S	C
A	E	I	C	H	E	O	I	G	N	I	F	A	N	S
W	Y	H	E	S	J	B	S	H	T	U	F	U	R	U
J	O	P	N	N	I	A	T	P	L	T	I	E	M	T
C	A	D	A	K	A	L	I	R	A	O	V	E	N	Y

After that, you had to find the unique colored patterns on Page 2 in the grid. There was a word hidden, again Boggle-style, in each of the patterns, and each could be combined with another nationality:

TURKISH DELIGHT
ENGLISH MUFFIN
AMERICAN PIE

GERMAN SHEPHERD
AMERICAN IDOL
RUSSIAN ROULETTE
DUTCH OVEN
EGYPTIAN COTTON
NORWEGIAN WOOD

Taking the first letters gives you TEA GARDEN. Because the first letters are highlighted in orange, and because from Page 1 you know that anything in orange is JAPANESE, the final answer is JAPANESE TEA GARDEN.

Note: Everyone missed that last bit and just guessed JAPANESE TEA GARDEN because it's the only tea garden in San Francisco. We should have made it more obvious.

Note 2: Some teams solved this without ever finding the mural. "Why did the clue tell us not to leave the area?"