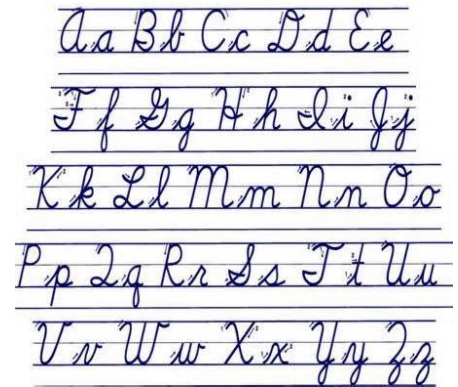


Cursive Writing

Hearst Castle

Directions: Copy the following passages using perfect cursive writing.

- **Shape** – letters formed according to D’Nealian standard.
- **Size** – correct height and width, staying on the line.
- **Spacing** – letters and words demonstrate clarity and flow.
- **Slant** – words slanted slightly and consistently.

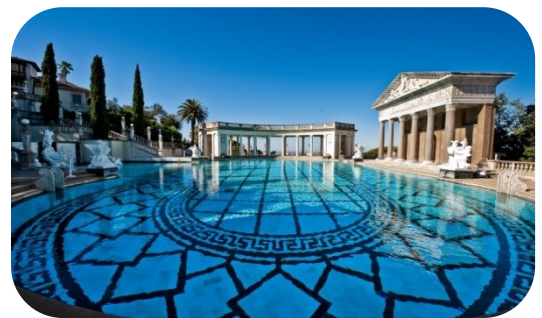


Hearst Castle really is not a castle in the European sense. There are no large walls, dungeons, or drawbridges. Rather, it is a large California mansion built by newspaper businessman William R. Hearst (1863-1951), and it is quite impressive. Construction lasted 28 years and stopped in 1947 when Hearst became ill.

Mr. Hearst inherited the large San Simeon ranch and used his wealth, from publishing newspapers in nearly 30 major American cities, to construct Hearst Castle. He also owned magazines and a movie studio. At his height, Hearst owned the largest business of newspapers and magazines in the world, a time when people got their news from print media. The family donated the castle to the state of California, but it still owns the surrounding 80,000-acre ranch.



Highlights of the castle include 56 bedrooms, 61 bathrooms, a movie theater, airstrip, an outdoor pool, and an indoor pool with tennis courts on its roof! Hearst had the world’s largest private zoo at the time, and some of the legacy animals still roam the ranch. The house has been ranked the 12th largest house in America.



Hearst liked to collect; that’s what makes the castle interesting. He bought paintings, sculptures, statues, ceilings, carvings, and a plethora of artifacts like armor, vases, and books from all over the world. His collection spanned centuries of time. In 1941, he put 20,000 items from his collection up for sale and still had many to spare. Today, Hearst Castle is a world-renown tourist attraction, located halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles on the California Central Coast.