Columbian Exposition Investigation

Today you will be learning more about the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893. Follow the directions below to complete the investigation.

1. Go to *Mrs. Witry’s Library Pages*.
2. Click on “More”. Then click on Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893.
3. There will be three buttons on the page. These are three links to websites that contain important information in today’s investigation. Use the information that you read to answer the questions below.
4. Answer all questions in complete sentences on looseleaf paper.

*Hint: Questions 1 -7 will be at Chicago Historical Society button.*

1. What four cities were in the running to host the Columbian Exposition?
2. Who nicknamed Chicago the “Windy City” and why?
3. When did the exposition open and when did it close?
4. What were the two main locations of the expositions in Chicago?
5. Who was the landscape architect responsible for laying out the fairgrounds?
6. Describe at least two of the “curiosities” that were popular among fairgoers.
7. What was the Midway? What was its most popular attraction?

*Hint: Questions 8 – 10 will be at the Encyclopedia of Chicago button.*

1. How did the fair get the name the White City?
2. Why did the fair become increasingly offensive to African Americans?
3. What did Frederick Douglass encourage African Americans do and why?

*Hint: Use the 7 Things You Did Not Know button to answer questions 11 – 15.*

1. Name three of the meat packing and mercantile moguls who helped to raise money for the Fair.
2. List at least three of the “firsts” that occurred at the Fair.
3. What popular attraction saved the Fair from financial ruin? How tall was it and who invented it? What happened to it after the Fair?
4. What event brought the Fair to a very abrupt and tragic end?
5. What role did the Fair play in the creation of the City Beautiful Movement?