

I SPY HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

ELGIN PICTURE RIDDLES



I spy a building with a corner that's round,
Folks used to shop here, now artists abound.
It's a gallery space and a home for many,
If it's art you seek, you'll find plenty.

Where is this? What is this today?



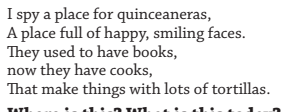
I spy a building whose name is McBride,
There used to be lots of shopping inside.
Stop by for a latte or maybe dessert,
Find some harmony so your ears don't hurt.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building, proud as an eagle,
Three stories high, it holds lots of people.
They dance all night, the music's all right,
And the bands that play there are regal.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a place for quinceaneras,
A place full of happy, smiling faces.
They used to have books,
now they have cooks,
That make things with lots of tortillas.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building where an army was found,
Instead of using guns,
they made a ringing sound.
Now octogenarians visit this building,
For luncheons, bingo and chats on quilting.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy three buildings; each have a name,
Names so long that won't fit in this game.
All along on this happening street,
You can dine, drink and unwind,
isn't that neat!

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy the oldest church in downtown,
In a big tornado the steeple fell down.
It's made of brick and pretty stained glass,
You can visit here for a first-rate mass.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building whose name is Healy,
Where folks would go when work was low.
Here futures were bright,
with exciting new ventures,
Now Healy awaits it's next endeavor.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building where furniture was sold,
Now multiple spaces here unfold.
You may go here when you need a new gig,
To dance with your belly, but not a jig.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building for homesteaders,
That also gave loans to some debtors.
Now it sells malts, it don't got no faults,
And its name has only three letters.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building that's kind of green,
It used to sell clothes for the local scene.
But it shut down and no longer sells retail,
Now they cover healthcare, to the tiniest detail.

Where is this? What is this today?



I spy a building that back in the day,
Had cool windows, they were called bays.
Now they're not there, the building is square,
Oh why did you take my windows away?

Where is this? What is this today?

History is more fun with riddles! Test your Downtown Elgin knowledge by naming these locations. Where are they? What were they then and what are they today? Have fun!

"I Spy Historic Downtown Elgin" artwork and riddles come to you from the DNA archives. Enjoy this fun way to explore historic Downtown Elgin from home!

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