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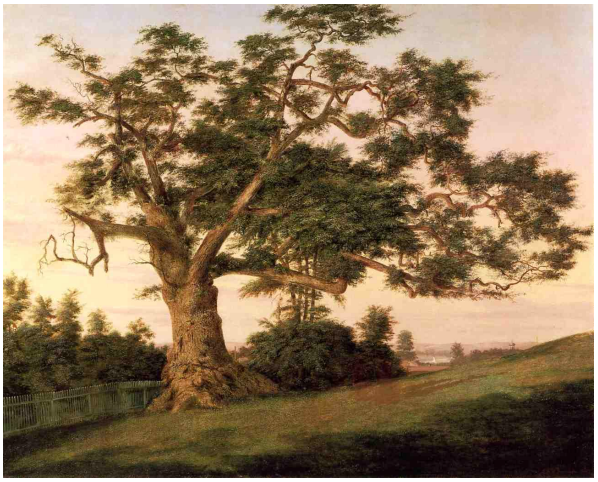
Connecticut's Charter Oak – Great Hiding Place



The Charter Oak – Charles De Wolf Brownell – 1857

The Charter Oak was said to be an unusually large oak tree that grew near Hartford, Connecticut, for over 600 years! It was in the hollow in this great tree, where settlers reportedly hid the colony's 1662 royal charter to protect it from being confiscated by the English governor-general. The great tree finally fell in 1856 after a storm.

Have you ever discovered or made a secret hiding place? Was it for you, or, was it for something you wanted to hide? Describe this hiding place in detail, or, describe a hiding place you have read about in literature or saw in a movie or show. Why was it such a good hiding place?

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