

Zion Cemetery and Urbanization: Uncovering African American History

In this lesson plan, students will evaluate the relationship between urbanization, cultural landscapes, and hidden histories through primary sources.

Learning Goals:

Students will be able to:

- 1) Understand the impact of urbanization on cultural landscapes
- 2) Analyze the impact of urbanization on historic narratives
- 3) Reflect on the relationship between Tampa's historic urban growth and African American cemeteries
- 4) Create a mural highlighting the interaction between Tampa's history and the Zion Cemetery

Materials and Resources

Sway Presentation: Space and Place: Analyzing Cemeteries as Primary Sources

Post it! Notes

Collaboration Board (whiteboard or cork board)

Computer

Projector

Screen

Pencils/Pens

Collaboration boards provide students and teachers an opportunity to gather data for analysis. These boards can be simple white boards, cork boards, or even a designated space on a classroom wall!

Curriculum Connections

SS.912.W.1.3: Interpret and evaluate primary and secondary sources.

SS.912.G.2 : Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places

SS.912.A.1 : Use research and inquiry skills to analyze American history using primary and secondary sources.

SS.912.G.1 : Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information

SS.912.G.6 : Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past and present and plan for the future.

VA.912.H.3 : Connections among the arts and other disciplines strengthen learning and the ability to transfer knowledge and skills to and from other fields

What is Sway?

Sway is a free Microsoft program that allows teachers to make visually enhanced lesson plans for students. You may use this sway presentation as a whole group or allow students to individually follow along on their own device.

Sway presentation can be active through this link:

<https://sway.office.com/Ks7jIBDo7U3V9K1b?ref=Link>

Learning Activity 1: Understanding Urbanization

Distribute *Zion Cemetery Worksheet Packet*.

In Sway, advance to *Chapter 2: Understanding Urbanization*. Advance to the next slide where students will explore the definition of urbanization. Have the students read and consider the important questions asked about urbanization in their community with their shoulder partner or in small groups. Students can brainstorm their answers on *Worksheet A*.

Note: This activity can easily incorporate a collaboration board to further encourage class discussion.

In Sway, advance to *Chapter 3: Tampa Urbanization and Zion Cemetery*. In this chapter students will examine two primary source documents connecting Tampa to the process of urbanization. Using either *Worksheet B* or a collaboration board, have students examine the two primary sources carefully for evidence of urbanization. As a class, have students discuss positive and negative effects of urbanization. Be sure to explore the different impacts on different members of the community.

Learning Activity 2: Zion Cemetery, Tampa's first African American cemetery

Advance to *Chapter 4: Let's Take a Look at Zion Cemetery, Tampa's first African American cemetery*. With their shoulder partner or in small groups, have students carefully review four maps of Zion Cemetery. Using *Worksheet C* or a collaboration board encourage students to identify and analyze differences between the different maps.

Advance to *Chapter 5: Reflecting on urban growth and African American cemeteries*. Have student review the film clip, provided by the Tampa Bay Times. As students' view the news report on the discovery of the Zion Cemetery have students answer reflective questions provided on *Worksheet D*.

As a class, have students share their thoughts and ideas on the relationship between the urbanization of Tampa and the lost Zion Cemetery.

Evaluation

Instruct students that they will be creating murals to tell the story and history of the Zion Cemetery. These murals should depict both Tampa history, local African American history, and the Zion Cemetery. Encourage students to research other murals found in Tampa Bay for ideas.