

Grade Level/Content Area: High School Social Studies Curriculum

Unit 2: Introduction to Urban Planning

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### **Rationale**

The purpose of this lesson is to teach students how to retrieve information from period photographs. In addition, students will be able to determine what kinds of insights and information can be gleaned from period photographs such as period history, technology, societal roles, and how people lived when comparing period photographs with modern ones.

### **Materials Required:**

Laptops, internet access, printed copies of National Archives Primary Source Document Analysis Sheet (link below), whiteboard or chalkboard.

**Time Needed:** Two-Three class periods (depending upon class size)

**Objectives:** By the end of the lesson, students will Know, Understand, and Do the following:

\*Use primary source documents to determine how various people in the Rockford area lived in the past.

\*Using evidence from primary sources, students will answer “how do homes of the past compare to those of today”.

### **Resources and Scholarship**

Midway Village Online Collection

Hand out the compare and contrast sheet of your choice or the one available at <https://www.readwritethink.org/sites/default/files/CompareContrast.pdf>

National Archives Primary Source Document Analysis Sheet:  
[https://www.archives.gov/files/education/lessons/worksheets/photo\\_analysis\\_worksheet\\_novice.pdf](https://www.archives.gov/files/education/lessons/worksheets/photo_analysis_worksheet_novice.pdf)

<p><b>Illinois State Standards</b></p> <p>SS.G.4.9-12: Evaluate how political and economic decisions have influenced cultural and environmental characteristics of various places and regions.</p> <p>SS.G.7.9-12: Evaluate how economic activities and political decisions impact spatial patterns within and among urban, suburban, and rural regions.</p> <p>SS.G.9.9-12: Describe and explain the characteristics that constitute a particular culture.</p> <p>SS.H.1.9-12: Evaluate how historical developments were shaped by time and place as well as broader historical contexts.</p> <p>SS.H.2.9-12: Analyze change and continuity within and across historical eras</p>	<p><b>Essential Question: How does a town change when a huge construction project is undertaken?</b></p> <p><u>Activity 1:</u></p> <p>As a class brain storm the question: You are going to build a giant new aquarium, what would you need for the site?</p> <p>Have the students each draw a schematic of what they want their aquarium to look like.</p> <p>Collect the drawings.</p> <p><u>Activity 2:</u></p> <p>When you are undertaking a large construction project changes often need to be made to the landscape. In the 1970s Rockford demolished large portions of downtown to build the Metro center.</p> <p><a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4919">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4919</a>  <a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/5690">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/5690</a>  <a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4800">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4800</a>  <a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/5002">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/5002</a></p> <p>Using the photo analysis sheet, what do these images tell us about the changes needed downtown to make way for the metro center.</p> <p><u>Activity 3:</u></p> <p>How did Downtown change after the Metro Center was built. Compare and contrast these two images taken before and after the metro center was built. What is similar, what is different. Use the compare and contrast worksheet if needed.</p> <p><a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4840">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4840</a>  <a href="https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4880">https://midwayvillagemuseumdigitalcollections.omeka.net/items/show/4880</a></p>
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