



Broward County Public Schools Videoconference

Communities And Reading TOUR

Lesson: Broward County History
Instructor: Evelyn Nelson, BECON Distance Learning Teacher

Grade Level: Grade Three

Sunshine State Standards: LA.A.2.2, LA.B.2.2, and SS.A.1.2

Benchmarks: LA.A.2.2.1, LA.B.2.2.1, and SS.A.1.2.1

Infusion Points: Language Arts and Social Studies

Objective(s):

1. Students will determine the main idea from a text and arrange events in chronological order.
2. Students will write notes, comments, and observations that reflect comprehension of content presented during the class.
3. Students will understand how individuals, ideas, decisions, and events can influence history.



Fuel for Thought

riverbank – The land beside a river.

ferry – A boat that carries people and goods across a waterway.

settlement – A new community.

disaster – Something that happens that causes great harm to a community.

Literature Emphasis

Book Title: Mitchell's Magical Day with Frank & Ivy Stranahan

Author: Bill Sydnor

Publisher: Stranahan House, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2000)

Story Summary: A historical novel about Frank & Ivy Stranahan as seen through the eyes of

a young boy.

Book Title: Annie with the Helping Hands: The Annie Mae Dailey Story

Author: Maude Lewis Storr

Publisher: Friends of Von D. Mizell Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL (1996)

Story Summary: A story about an early settler in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Book Title: Eddie B. The Cab Driver: The Eddie B. Holloway Story

Author: Maude Lewis Storr

Publisher: Friends of Von D. Mizell Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL (1996)

Story Summary: A story about an early settler in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Book Title: Across the Tracks

Author: Dr. Gwendolyn Hankerson

Publisher: Dynamic Perceptions, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, FL (2003)

Story Summary: Black history of Broward County, Florida.

Activities

- The videoconference instructor will discuss the *Fuel for Thought* vocabulary words
 - Students will copy down the words without the definitions.
 - Part of the follow-up to this lesson will be defining the vocabulary words.
- Instructor will read excerpts from the books listed above to cover the following topics:
 - **1893** - Introduction to Frank & Ivy Stranahan (picture – p.1 &17)
 - Read pg. 16 – *Student questions*
 - *Where was the Stranahan House located?* Fort Lauderdale on the banks of the New River
 - *Define riverbank*
 - How did people cross the river by the Stranahan House? By **ferry**
 - *Define ferry*
 - *Define settlement.*
 - Read pg. 34 – *Student questions* (picture – p.57)
 - *Who did Mrs. Stranahan teach?* Seminole children at first, then other children in the settlement
 - **1920** – Introduction to Annie Mae Dailey
 - Read pg. 1 – 3 (picture – p18)
 - **1926** - Introduction to Eddie B. Holloway
 - Read pg. 6 & 7 (picture – p.40, 41, 43)
 - *Define disaster*
 - In 1925 a new four-room, tile stucco building was constructed. “Mr. Joseph A. Ely, principal, influenced the naming of the school for Dr. James H. Dillard, a philanthropist who promoted education for Negroes.”
 - Mr. James Bradley, Oral Historian, says, “One of the things he remembers is that, while they may not have had enough books in black schools, they

had great teachers. These teachers insisted upon the highest standards of excellence.” (Across the Tracks pg. 49)

- Mr. Bradley noted, “Back then, by the time they were in the fourth or fifth grade, students could read at a 12th grade level.”
- “Academic activities were as important as athletics and the band.” (pg.50)
- “Black students were taken out of school during the harvest season to work in the fields and farms.” (Across the Tracks pg.77) “Schools were closed from November to March each year.” (pg.49) However, families and teachers were dedicated to teaching and learning. Mothers and fathers who had not gotten an education wanted their kids to better themselves.” (pgs.51, 57, 67, 74)
- Fort Lauderdale continued to grow in the 1940’s and 1960’s
 - Integration came to Fort Lauderdale public schools in 1962 when the first black student entered Stranahan High School. (pg.61)
 - Kathleen Cooper Wright was the first black citizen to sit on the Broward County School Board from 1974 to 1982.
- Today our Fort Lauderdale skyline continues to change.
- *Students will list the changes in our community in the last 100 years.*

Assignment

- Students will define the vocabulary words and expand their journal entries.

Materials Needed

- “Travel Journal” and a pencil for each student

Lesson Extension

Related Websites:

STRANAHAN HOUSE: Where The Old Meets The New

<http://www.stranahanhouse.com/>

Old Florida Historical Museum

<http://www.oldfortlauderdale.org/history/preview.html>