



**Broward County Public
Schools Videoconference**

Communities And Reading TOUR

Lesson: Miami and Points South
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.6.2

Benchmarks: LA.A.2.2.1, LA.B.2.2.1, and SS.A.6.2.1

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 and explain reasons people leave their homelands for another location.



Fuel for Thought

Agriculture – The raising of crops and farm animals

Causeway – A road built on soil piled up in shallow water.

Climate – The kind of weather a place has in each season year after year.

History – The story of what has happened in a place.

Peninsula – A piece of land that has water almost all the way around it.

Population – The number of people who live in a place.

Transportation – Ways of moving from one place to another.

Literature Emphasis

Book Title: Florida

Author: Karen Sirvaitis

Publisher: Lerner Publications Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995)

Story Summary: This book introduces the geography, history, environment, famous people, occupations, and culture of the Sunshine State.

Book Title: From Sea to Shining Sea: Florida
Poem by: Dennis B. Fradin
Publisher: Children's Press, Chicago, IL (1994)
Story Summary: An introduction to the Sunshine State, its history, people, and sites of interest.

Book Title: Florida's Family Album, A History for All Ages
Author: Cora Cheney and Ben Partridge
Publisher: San Marcos Press. St. marks, FL (1993)
Story Summary: An introduction to Florida history for young people.

Book Title: Henry Flagler: Builder of Florida
Author: Sandra Wallus Sammons
Publisher: Tailored Tours Publications, Inc, Lake Buena Vista, FL (1993)
Story Summary: Describes the life and work of Henry Flagler, along with his contributions to the state of Florida's growth and economy.

Book Title: Save the Key Deer
Author: Margaret Goff Clark
Publisher: Cobblehill Books, New York, NY (1998)
Story Summary: Discusses the history, physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the small deer that have lived for hundreds of years in the Florida Keys.

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 ask students for their own definition of all the vocabulary words
- Instructor will read excerpts from the books listed above to cover the following topics:
 - Geography of Florida
 - Peninsula
 - Florida Keys
- Students will complete the [History Scramble](#) as the lesson progresses.
 - History of Miami
 - Native Americans
 - Soggy Wetlands
 - Fort Dallas
 - Julia Tuttle
 - Henry Flagler
 - Mary McLeod Bethune
 - Land Boom
 - James Deering
 - 1926 Hurricane
 - World War II

- Cuban Immigration
- Decade of Progress (1970's)
- Instructor will help students check their answers using the [History Scramble Key](#)

Assignment

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

Materials Needed

- [History Scramble](#) and pencil for each student
- "Travel Journal" for each student
- [History Scramble Key](#) (optional for teacher)

Lesson Extension

Related Websites:

Miami: One Hundred Years of History

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

<http://miami.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.historical-museum.org%2Fhistory%2Fsfhm242.htm>

The River Meets the Bay: The Glades Culture

500 B.C. - A.D. 1763

Historical Museum of Southern Florida

http://www.historical-museum.org/archaeology/first_arrivals/first_arrivals-4.htm

Wikipedia: *City of Miami*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miami,_Florida