Expedition Easton – A Walking Tour for Kids

**Grade:** adaptable for grades 1-5

**Time:** approximately 40 minutes

**Goal:** Students will go on a guided exploration of downtown Easton, focused in Centre Square. In addition to seeing real life examples of architecture through time, students will also put map reading skills into practice.

**Big Ideas**
- **Grade 1**
  - Geometric shapes
  - What is a neighborhood?
  - History of cities
  - Streetscapes
- **Grade 2**
  - Visualization skills
  - Man-made structures
  - Guided neighborhood walk
  - Politics and economics of a city
  - Parks and playgrounds
- **Grade 3**
  - Structural concepts
  - Different kinds of homes & building types
  - City planning
- **Grade 4**
  - Structures
  - Measuring
  - Building materials
  - Building types & aesthetics
  - Infrastructure
- **Grade 5**
  - Neighborhood landmarks
  - Preservation
  - Human proportions

**Extensions** (if needed)
- Downtown I Spy
Lesson

- **Introduction:** Welcome to Expedition Easton
  - Discuss safety rules for walking around downtown
    - Each student has a student partner
    - Museum or School staff always at front and end of line, students in between
    - Cross in crosswalks, with the signal

- **Discovery Process**
  - Museum tour guide leads students through Centre Square, following grade specific tour plan.
  - Students utilize tools coinciding with tour
    - Examples
      - Map
      - Compass
      - Measuring tapes

- **Culmination**
  - Check for understanding based on grade level tour
    - Examples
      - Cardinal directions
      - Finding landmarks on map