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

Extensions (if needed)

Downtown I Spy

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Lesson

- Introduction: Welcome to Expedition Easton
 - o 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.
 - o Students utilize tools coinciding with tour
 - Examples
 - Map
 - Compass
 - Measuring tapes
- Culmination
 - o Check for understanding based on grade level tour
 - Examples
 - Cardinal directions
 - Finding landmarks on map