NEH Landmarks Africatown Lesson Plan

Instructor Name	Amie Cox	State: Indiana						
Date:	Subject/Course and Grade Level:	Duration:						
July 9, 2021	9-12	75 minutes						
Standard(s) Addressed	Addressed (include the written description):							
IN - W. H. 7.2 - Locate and analyze primary sources and secondary sources related to an event or issue of								
the past.								
Lesson Title:	A Quest for Family Connections							
Behavioral	At the conclusion of the lesson, a student will be able to: 1) define basic							
Objective(s):	genealogy terms, and 2) understand the difference between primary and							
	secondary resources.							
Introductory Activity:	Bellringer: Writing Prompt - The Day You Were Born - tell me what you know							
Differential	about the day you were born. Is there a story behind your name? Do you know							
	where you were born? Do you know what time of day you were born? Do you							
	know any details about your birth?							
Presentation/Direct	Who is Questlove? - show his picture and a video clip of him drumming.							
Instruction:	Share a video clip of him on Finding Your Roots discovering Clotilda roots.							
(Place different types	Share 1880 Federal Census via Familysearch.org of Charlie & Maggie Lewis.							
of activities in	Discuss primary and secondary sources, what they are, how are they different							
numerical order.)	Have students note pictures of Clotilda and Charlie Lewis in the video clips.							
	Have students use Familysearch.org to find a primary source of their family or a							
	celebrity. (*I want the lesson to be inclusive and not uncomfortable for							
	adoptees or students in an alternative home situation.)							
Assessment:	A Family Roots Portfolio							
(Formative or								
summative and brief								
description)								
Practice	Students will use their Chromebooks. They will save their sources in their							
	Google Drive. They will submit a mini-family tree with primary and secondary							
	sources as a portfolio.							
Summary	Students will learn what primary and so							
	about the Clotilda. They will use a records database. They will create a Family							
	Roots Portfolio. (If students are uncomfortable doing it over themselves, they							
	will be able to choose from a list of cele							
Materials and	Secondary sources - Clotilda books in the school library collection; genealogy							
Reference Materials	books in the school library collection; reference materials from our NEH							
	Landmark Institute; other worksheets included below. Students will use their							
	Chromebooks.							
Questioning List:	Who is Questlove?							
(Possible questions	What are primary and secondary resources?							
that could be used	What sources are available in genealogy databases?							
during the lesson)	What was the Clotilda?							
	Where is Africatown?							
	What did you like best about making fo	amily connections?						

The Day You Were Born

The Day You Were Born - tell me what you know about the day you were born...Is there a story behind your name? Do you know where you were born? Do you know what time of day you were born? Do you know any details about your birth?

Write what you know below in complete sentences.

Who is Questlove?



He is an American musician, record producer, disc jockey, filmmaker, music journalist, and actor. His family roots go back to Africatown.

Check out Questlove drumming, click here.

Watch this clip of Questlove discovering his family's story on the ship Clotilda on Finding Your Roots.

Click on the various links to discover more about Questlove.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Questlove

https://www.npr.org/artists/15121446/-uestlove

https://questlove.com/

Learn more about the ship Clotilda and Africatown:

National Geographic

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Africatown Documentary

1880 Federal Census - Charles & Maggie Lewis in Africatown near Mobile, Alabama

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What is a primary source?	
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A Family Investigation

What is genealogy? It is the study of researching who your ancestors are.

(It can be tricky for people who are adopted, or their parents are adopted. If you would be more comfortable researching a different family, let me know, and you can research the family of your favorite celebrity.)

Using <u>FamilySearch.org</u>, look for your family in the 1950 census. Not all of it has been indexed, so if you have no luck with the 1950 census, try the 1940 census. I would type in the name of one of your great grandparents if you know their name. They would be your parents' grandparents. You might need to ask your parents their names before being able to complete this step.

Steps for completion:

- 1) Create a Google folder in your Google Drive titled Family Portfolio.
- 2) As you find resources on FamilySearch.org, drop them in your portfolio folder.
- 3) Using the attached form, fill out the four-generation family tree template called a pedigree chart.

