

Unit 2: EVERY PERSPECTIVE TELLS A STORY

Objective: To localize our investigation of story and how it changes based on who is telling it. To consider the evolution of story and place through writing.



- What do you see in this picture?
- What do you not see?
- What does the riverwalk mean to you?
- What do you think it means to the people of Naperville?
- What does it mean to the environment?
- To whom does the river belong?

Complete a 5 minute historical investigation of the DuPage River.

TASK 1: Put all of the above together and create a story of the river. Share with a peer.

After sharing your stories

- Discuss the rationale of your choices.
- Discuss the differences in your stories and choices.

TASK 2: Read about the [indigenous people](#) who are the original inhabitants of the area and [view this interpretation](#) of a Potawatomi creation story.

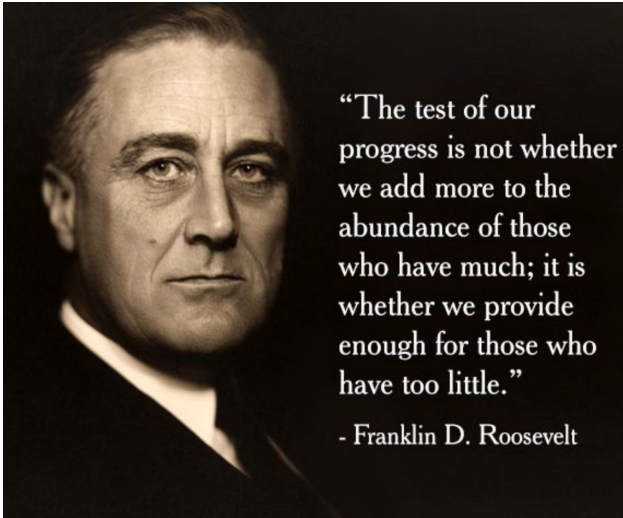
Class discussion questions:

- What did you learn about the Potawatomi?
- What might the river have meant to them?
- How might the river have changed? Consider physical and utilitarian changes.
- Incorporate indigenous people/culture into your story. (Go back to questions above and consider them from the viewpoint of the Potawatomi people.)
- Create a [Storybird](#).

TASK 3: THINK/PAIR/SHARE

- Consider how your story changed.
 - Why did it change?
- What perspectives are present? Which are absent?
 - How does that impact your story?
 - How did the influence of history impact your story?
 - Reconsider ownership: *To whom does the river belong? In the end, whose story have you written?*

Primary/Secondary Source Investigation



Contextualize this quote related to notes & ideal of the American Dream (all points of view).

Zooming in on Dams - Video comparisons

- [Video 1](#)
- [Video 2](#)

Discussion

What are the competing narratives & how are they connected to the "American Dream"?

Primary/Secondary Source Investigation

Treaties & More Investigation

- [1863 Treaty with the Nez Perce](#)
- [1943 Indian Claims Act](#)

Connection to Today

What are the broken promises of the "American Dream"?

Whose voice is missing?

What is the solution?