

Lesson Title: Green Book Research Resources Lesson

Time: 50 minutes

Materials/Resources:

Set-up 5 Stations

- Sanborn Maps highlighting locations of Omaha Green Book Sites
Include hard copies and Sanborn Maps located on Omaha Public Library Site <https://omahalibrary.org/resources/genealogy/> Fire Insurance Maps Online
- 2-3 Omaha City Directories from the 1940s and 1950s
- Computer set-up to Omaha Public Library Site <https://omahalibrary.org/digital-collections/>
- Computer set-up to The Durham Museum Photo Site <https://durhammuseum.contentdm.oclc.org/>
- Computer set-up on Nebraska Newspapers <https://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>

You will need an Omaha Public Library card to access the library's research materials.

Learning Tasks:

Students will spend 10 minutes at each station accessing and exploring a resource they can use to uncover primary artifacts for their Green Book site research. They can continue rotating as time allows.

Station #1 Sanborn Map

Students should look up two of their group's Green Book site addresses using the online Sanborn Maps through the Omaha Public Library Genealogy Site. Students will take a screen shot of their property. Students will also get to view hard copies of the 1962 Sanborn maps of North Omaha and parts of South Omaha and South 11th where the Green Book sites were located. Can they find landmarks they recognize?

Station #2 Omaha City Directories

Students will look up two of their group's Green Book site addresses in a City Directory. Students should write down the year of the City Directory they are using. Look up the Green Book site by the name of the business and look up by the address of the building (they are in two separate locations in the City Directory). Print the name of the person who owned the business.

Station #3 Omaha Public Library Site

On the libraries site students can access digitized copies of Omaha's African American newspaper, The Omaha Star, plus the Omaha World-Herald. Sanborn maps and FamilySearch are also helpful sites. Students will need a library card to access. For this station, students will learn how to log into the OPL site and then access The Omaha Star newspaper to do a quick search on one of their Green Book sites. Have students write down/or take a picture of what they uncovered.

Station #4 The Durham Museum

Students will access The Durham's photo archive site. There are very few Green Book site photos on the site. Have each student search Milton E. Johnson owner of Johnson's Drug Store at 2306 N. 24th St. and/or Duffy Drug Store at 24th and Lake Streets.

Station #5 Nebraska Newspapers

Nebraska Newspapers is a collaborative site developed by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and History Nebraska. It features digitized versions of 80 newspapers across the state. Students will focus on those in Omaha that include two short-lived, African American newspapers, the Omaha Guide, and the Omaha Monitor. Students will learn how to log into the site and then search Omaha newspapers to find information on one Green Book site.

Success Criteria:

- Students will have experienced all five stations and successfully completed their worksheet showing examples of their work.

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Date: June 20, 2023

Student Name: _____

Materials Needed:

iPad or Phone to take pictures.

List of your group's Green Book Sites

Activity: Rotate through five stations learning about the resources available to you to research your Green Book sites.

Station #1 Sanborn Map

Look up two of your group's Green Book site addresses using the online Sanborn Maps through the Omaha Public Library Genealogy Site. Take a screenshot of your properties. Look at the printed copies of the 1962 Sanborn maps of North Omaha and parts of South Omaha and South 11th where the Green Book sites were located. Write down the name of a property you recognize.

Properties Looked Up:

Screenshots Taken. Your teacher will send the image to your group.

What property did you identify on the hard copy of the Sanborn Map.

Station #2 Omaha City Directories

Look up two of your group's Green Book site addresses in a City Directory both by business name and by address.

What year is the City Directory? _____

What is the name of the person who owns the business/property?

Station #3 Omaha Public Library Site <https://omahalibrary.org/digital-collections/>

On the libraries site you can access digitized copies of Omaha's African American newspaper, The Omaha Star, plus the Omaha World-Herald. Sanborn maps and FamilySearch are also helpful sites. Using your library card, access The Omaha Star newspapers archives and type in the name of your Green Book site.

What did you find? Share images of stories, ads, and pictures.

Station #4 The Durham Museum <https://durhammuseum.contentdm.oclc.org/>

Access the Durham Museum's photo archive site. Search for images of Milton E. Johnson owner of Johnson's Drug Store at 2306 N. 24th St. and Duffy Drug Store at 24th and Lake Streets.

What did you find?

What did you learn from looking at the pictures?

Station #5 Nebraska Newspapers <https://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>

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What did you find?

What did you learn?