Lesson 8
Field Trip of Significant Site of Newport during the Gilded Age
Marble House and Museum of Newport History

Subject Area: Culminating Activity for The Gilded Age Unit

Grade: 5/6

Time Frame: One day

Objectives: The students will record their observations of Marble House and the section of the museum reflecting the Gilded Age (upon return from the Newport field trip) NCSS Standard 2, 3, 4, 5

Materials:
- Digital camera
- Children’s Guide to Newport
- Video Camera (if available)

Learner Factors: All students will be participatory in the culminating activities of the unit. Appropriate chaperones and paraprofessionals as needed per class shall be involved in the tour.

Motivational Activities: Students will be instructed that this field trip will aid them in the construction of the models they will be creating. A review of relevant buildings will be conducted prior to the field trip.

Lesson Development and Closure:
- Students will visit the Museum of Newport History for an overview and tour of the section related to the Gilded Age.
- Students will take the trolley to the Marble House for the student tour.
- Upon return to class, students will brainstorm and list observations related to architecture and structure.
- Students will identify “recyclable materials” which could be used for construction of their projects.
- Students will compose a letter to parents requesting materials.

Follow-up: Lesson 9 will consist of an extended project in which students will complete the culminating project.