

LESSON 8 TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY –NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Subjects: Language Arts, Science and Social Studies

Grades: 7th & 8th

Time Frame:

- Objective:** The students will be able to:
- Identify the roles of industry and transportation in relation to Aquidneck Island.
 - List how changes in industry and transportation impact people.
 - Write an appropriate article for the front page of a newspaper.
 - Identify the main elements of a cover story.

Materials:

- Traveling Around Aquidneck Island, by James E. Garman
- Postcards depicting industry and transportation connected to Aquidneck Island
- Sample (headline) newspaper articles
- Graphic organizer for brainstorming about transportation and industry

Learner Factor:

- Accommodations need to be made for reading levels when assigning text.
- Graphic organizer started with the whole group and completed in a small group setting.
- All students will complete a cover story article; the format can be determined according to readiness level.
- Model parts of a headline story prior to written assignment.
- Show ‘cause and effect’ relationships between industry and transportation (overhead).

Motivational Activity:

Share a variety of different cover stories from the Newport Daily News about transportation and/or industry. Discuss how the reporter has used the topic to inform the public about local changes. Assist students in determining the importance of the articles. Divide students into smaller groups and have them highlight important points within a cover story (use additional articles). Share with the whole group after completion.

Lesson Development:

- Motivation activity
- Share the transportation and industrial changes that have happened on Aquidneck Island during the 1900s.
- Students will select an event of interest to research (This will involve a minimum of one source).
- Have students record the important facts about the topic they are researching (Use a graphic organizer for this part of the activity).

- Provide a model lesson on incorporating detailed and necessary information to help make a student article engaging. Have students add "voice" to personalize their articles.
- Work with students on finalizing and organizing information.

Closure:

Have each student produce a final draft of the cover story. An illustration and caption must be provided along with the article. For listening and viewing skills, students may share their articles in a small group or whole group setting.

Student Assessment:

- Completed graphic organizer, demonstrating research.
- Rubric for final draft of cover story

Activity Extension:

Have students create a newspaper (or page within a newspaper) that highlights other aspects of industry and transportation. All information should be within the time frame of their cover story.

Transportation

(Suggested list)

Mt. Hope Bridge

Newport Bridge

Stone Bridge

Sakonnet Bridge

Bristol Ferry

The Sagamore

Block Island Ferry

Prudence Island Ferry

Trolley System

Street Railway

Steamboats

Industry

(Suggested list)

Fishing

Navy

Tourism

Island Park Amusement Park

Jazz Festival

Lumber Company

Local Prohibition Laws

(Potato) Farming

Coal Mining

Tall Ships or Black Ships

Mansions

Newport Hi-Li

America's Cup Races

Name: _____ Date: _____

Research Graphic Organizer

Circle one: **INDUSTRY** **TRANSPORTATION**

Topic: _____

Use the graphic organizer to record key information related to your chosen topic. Remember to use only key words or phrases during the gathering of information.

History:

Use/Necessity:

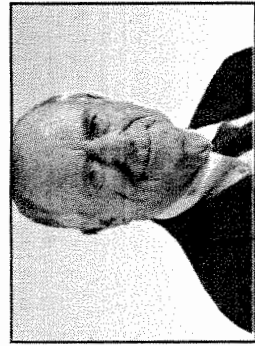
Changes:

Real estate industry continues to grow across Newport

When we think of industries, businesses, institutions and military installations, we think of hundreds of people employed in those places. Among the area organizations that employ hundreds some come to mind like Naval Station Newport, Raytheon, Newport Hospital, employees of local governments and personnel required to run hotels on the island.

There are, no doubt, many other enterprises large and small that employ more than 100. There are those that easily attain that figure when summer help is added.

About half a century ago, more than 50 people as individuals and a handful of offices were listed as dealers in real estate and property rentals. That is about the same as today, except the area is now serviced by na-



Grist Mill
Leonard Panaggio

tionally known real estate agencies. It is also a factor that there are individuals who can deal in real estate sales, but are content with their current job.

We are constantly amazed at what we see today in how property sales and rentals also have developed into an industry in their own right. The Newport Daily News has carried double-page advertisements from a sin-

gle company dealing in properties. The ads have pictures of what is being offered, along with portraits of a couple dozen agents who are associated with those sales.

Newport Life magazine carries several pages showing in color the estates that are available. Almost all are being offered in the multimillion-dollar range. During the past decade or so, "For Sale" signs are commonly seen outside houses that are on the market. It seems that they sprout with more frequency than the atmosphere that produces mushrooms. Do readers think this way? Or recall anything comparable in the past?

There are, in our estimation, many hundreds of people selling real estate in this city and in our county. Altogether, the property

sales and rentals agents are indeed a force. El Dorado?

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THE "RIDDLE OF RHODE ISLAND," the Old Stone Mill, brought a query via e-mail from Gilbert Friedman, Rogers High School Class of 1944.

"Having spent my youth in Newport," he wrote, "I frequently return to relive many pleasant memories. I never tire of showing the sights to new visitors.

"For the past several years, I have been sadly disappointed at the lack of an appropriate plaque explaining the history and significance for the Old Stone Mill. I seem to remember that there previously was one."

His query: "Will The Daily News bring this matter to the attention of appropriate officials?" Yes, we believe that for some time there was a sign there

that gave some background to this mystery building.

We also like to think that this was the first tourist attraction in Newport. That is what it became early in the 19th century when somebody in Denmark theorized it was of Norse origin.

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RABBIT HILL was recalled by retired Coast Guard captain and former Newporter William Taylor. Writing from San Diego, he reminded us that he was here last year for his 55th Rogers High School reunion.

As for Rabbit Hill, "As I remember," he wrote, "back to when I was about 14 years old (1944ish), Steve Fougere, his father, Steve Sr., and I went rabbit hunting with a .22 caliber rifle in the area we know as Rabbit Hill. The path we used ran from the dirt path extension of Farewell Street at The

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Newport Daily News
Thursday July 1, 2004

Name: _____

Date: _____

Newspaper Article Graphic Organizer

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