



Class in Newport Worksheet

Student Name _____ Date _____

A century ago, the economic levels of many Americans determined how they spent their leisure time. Upper-class Americans took vacations to resorts throughout the country and often stayed in their own vacation homes. Middle-class Americans took short trips away from home, renting small cottages or staying in hotels and boarding houses. Working-class Americans took Saturday afternoon or Sunday trips to local parks and beaches.

Americans of all classes visited Newport, Rhode Island, a turn-of-the-century seaside resort. Read the following background information about different classes in Newport:

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MA01/Davis/newport/class/class.html>.

You may also want to read about how Americans of different classes spent their leisure time in Newport:

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MA01/Davis/newport/leisure/leisure.html>.

Select a name from the list provided by your teacher. Read a brief biography of the person at:

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MA01/Davis/newport/biographies/biographies.html>.

Using the information you have read, answer the following questions.

Questions

1. What class was the person you researched?
2. Was this person a summer visitor, a summer worker, or a year-round resident?
3. Why did this person come to Newport?
4. What did members of his or her class do in Newport? Where did they go? Where did they stay? What leisure activities did they enjoy?
3. Would the person you researched have socialized with members of other classes? Why or why not?
4. How might this person have interacted with members of other classes?