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Teacher Guide



Fraternal Orders

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Pre-Listening Questions

- What are community organizations?
- What are fraternal orders?
- Why would people want to join a fraternal order?
- How might these reasons have changed over time?

Discussion Questions

- What community organizations do we have locally?
- How have these community organizations changed over time?
- What could we learn from researching these community organizations?

Related Resources—for continued instruction or resources for your students' research

National Museum of American History:

- Brother Washington's Apron: A Masonic Mystery—*O Say Can You See?* Blog
<http://blog.americanhistory.si.edu/osaycanyousee/2011/02/brother-washingtons-apron-a-masonic-mystery-part-1-of-3.html>
- Girl Scouts 1912-2012 Artifact Wall
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/artifact-walls-girl-scouts-1912%E2%80%932012>
- Hand-Pumped Fire Engine
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/conestoga-wagon-and-hand-pumped-fire-engine>

Related Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era 8: The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945)
 - Standard 2: How the New Deal addressed the Great Depression, transformed American federalism, and initiated the welfare state
- Historical Thinking Standards: Historical Research Capabilities
 - Identify the gaps in the available records and marshal contextual knowledge and perspectives of the time and place in order to elaborate imaginatively upon the evidence, fill in the gaps deductively, and construct a sound historical interpretation.

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Name:

Date:

Period:

Topic:

Pre-Listening vocabulary—define these words:

Fraternal Orders:

Social Welfare System:

Community Organizations:

Pre-Listening (leave space after your questions to answer them as you listen):

What basic understanding questions do you have about this topic?

What thought questions do you have about this topic?

Post-Listening:

What new thought questions do you have?

Of all your thought questions, which few are especially important to the topic? Why?

Which is the most important thought question? Why?

What steps would you take to find the answer to the most important thought question?

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