



Chicago Connections Activities

Each activity will result in a product. Students can share learning and expand others' knowledge and understanding of Chicago. Some can be about Chicago past, others about the present, and some even about the future. *All develop Common Core Writing Standard 2: Write **informative/explanatory** texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw Chicago's history—a time-line of important changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a picture glossary of words that are important to understand Chicago's | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a children's book for a younger student about Chicago. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict the city's future in pictures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a scenario or play about Chicago. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make up multiple choice questions about Chicago's history. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or complete a Venn diagram comparing then to now. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or complete a chart classifying the kinds of transportation, communication, and work people did | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize information for a debate about what you think was the important issue at the time shown in the exhibit. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each student writes and illustrates one page in a class book about Chicago. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a map showing what was important in Chicago in the past. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter to/from a Chicago problem solver. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a booklet about the topic. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a diary as if you were a person living in Chicago at a different time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a Chicago history alphabet book. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an exhibit about Chicago. Choose a theme and show it. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an exhibit about Chicago today. Show how the past is part of the present. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a poem or song about Chicago. |