Envision Chicago

These guides organize a field trip to the future—by way of the past.

Start at the Chicago History Museum. Then go downtown to see what’s there now and what you think should be there in the future.

Competencies: CCSSR2—locate examples of ideas; CCSSW1—begin to construct a persuasive statement.

If you can’t make an actual field trip, make a “virtual” trip with the following online resources.
If you CAN make the field trip, you still can pre-view the trip by using the online resources.

Chicago Learning Resources


Chicago History Museum, Chicago at the Crossroads: http://www.chicagohs.org/education/planavisit/exhibitions/crossroads/index

Chicago Architecture foundation http://www.architecture.org/exhibitions/current

Include a “virtual” or actual trip to a college-- http://www.depaul.edu/campustour/Pages/default.aspx
Before the Trip:
Read objects and places in your classroom and community.
- What’s an object that shows collaboration?
- What is an object that shows “grit”—determination and resilience?
- What’s an object that shows innovation—a change that led to other changes?

During the field trip
At the museum: Look for examples of the core concepts of this project. Choose one object that represents each concept. Each object is an icon—a symbol for an idea.

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At the Chicago View Point:
The View Point is on the “front yard” of Field Museum. It’s a place where you can see the effects of choices made in the past based on the Burnham Plan. Grant Park is there because of that plan and the determination of Chicago people to keep that a free space for everyone. Choose one place you see that you think best represents the city’s progress. I can be a building, a fountain, any other part of Chicago you see during the field trip. Then tell your view—why this place is important to understand about Chicago’s progress.

The Place: ________________________________

My View—Why this is an important place to understand Chicago progress.
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After the trip
Make a Chicago collage—include your choices in one exhibit about Chicago’s future. That includes YOUR future. Add drawings or photos that show Chicago icons and your own plans for progress—for the city, for yourself.