

**I can locate and classify information about a history or story. (1B)**

List the People	
List What Happens	
List Information about the Place	

## Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, Father of Chicago

I can locate and use information to analyze a situation (ILS5A1a). I can write about a topic (ILS3B1b).

### **What choices and changes did Jean Baptiste Point DuSable make?**

Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable came to Chicago more than 220 years ago. He moved here from New Orleans. Chicago was a very small place. He saw things to do. He thought of a way to make it a good place to live. DuSable set up a trading post. A trading post is a kind of business. People get things they need there. They bring things with them. They do not use money buy them. They trade other things for them.

DuSable built his trading post in a good location. He built it at the river near the lake. That way people could get to it by boat. It was easy to find. In those days, people traveled by foot or by boat or by horse. It was long ago. There were no cars. It took a long time to get from one place to another.

It must have been hard to live in Chicago then. DuSable built his cabin by himself. There was no one to help. He had to get the wood and build the walls and roof. There were no stores. The trading post was the first business. DuSable brought tools and other things people needed.

DuSable traded with the Potawatomi. They are Native Americans. They had lived here for many years. In winter it was cold and snowy. It was hard to travel. They made snowshoes so they could walk on the deep snow. He traded tools to them for furs. The Native Americans were able to get things they did not have by trading.

DuSable probably knew Chicago was going to grow. He saw people moving here. They were settlers. A settler is a person who moves to a place and builds a home. Settlers needed furniture. He made furniture. He sold food. His trading post was very important. It helped people get what they needed. DuSable helped people live here. If there were no trading post, they would not have had what they needed.

DuSable left Chicago in 1800. He sold the trading post. He moved to another place in Illinois. After he left, another person ran the trading post. So the business he started was still open. People could get what they needed to live in Chicago. That business was the most important place in Chicago. It was a very small town. But it would grow. That business was the start of Chicago today.

DuSable's legacy is important. In 1968 Chicago called him the "Father of Chicago". His trading post started Chicago's progress. Today there is a museum named for him. There is a DuSable park, too. People remember the changes he made.

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### **Draw History**

Draw a picture showing what Chicago looked like when DuSable started his business. Draw what you think the trading post looked like. Then write about your picture. Tell why the trading post was important.