

Early Chicago

The Environment

Before there was a city of Chicago, it was a hard place to live. There were no stores or streets. It was very cold in the winter and hot in the summer. There was a lot of snow in winter, so it was hard to travel. In spring, there was a lot of rain and mud, which made it hard to travel then, too.

Show what the place was like. First, underline the words and phrases that tell about the place. Then use them to show early Chicago in the rectangle—draw what it was like then.

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A Change

More than 200 years ago Jean Baptiste Point DuSable came to this place. He built a cabin on the river. He opened a trading post. A trading post is a place where people bring things they have and trade them for things they need. At first he traded with Native Americans.

Show or tell what happened. First, underline the information that tells what happened. Then draw or write it here. Show what happened first, second, third.

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What do you think happened next? Tell what you think happened and why you think that.

Common Core Reading Standard 1: Read closely, then make and support logical inferences.

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