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**Supporting Questions**

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| Inquiry Design Model (IDM) Blueprint™ |
| **Compelling Question** | What can the Pan American Exposition of 1901 tell us about race and social inequalities in America at the turn of the 20th century? |
| Standards and Practices | Call for Change 4.4 & 4.54.4c GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS Government in New York State is organized into counties, cities, towns, and villages. Students will identify the county in which they live, noting where their city, town or village is within that county. (Standards: 1, 5; Themes: GOV, CIV)4.5 IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM AND A CALL FOR CHANGE: Different groups of people did not have equal rights and freedoms. People worked to bring about change. (Standards: 1, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, SOC, CIV) |
| Staging the Question | Students will discuss, in small groups, the different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds of the people currently living in in the United States. How has that evolved over time? Has much changed since the inception of our country? Do we still have some of the same problems? Why? |
| **Supporting** **Question 1**  | **Supporting** **Question 2**  | **Supporting** **Question 3**  |
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| **Formative** **Performance Task** | **Formative** **Performance Task** | **Formative** **Performance Task** |
| **Students will highlight their neighborhood (street) on a map from 1901 and a map from today. How has it changed over the past 116 years? For the better or worse? Why? What do you think your neighborhood will look like in 50 years? Explain. Students who live in the same section of town can work together.** | **Utilizing at least 9 Unit vocabulary words, write three paragraphs describing the typical experience while visiting the Pan American Expo. Individual task.** | **Students work in groups to design and draw new exhibits that feature the same ethnic groups today. What information would be highlighted in a current museum display?**  |
| **Featured Sources** | **Featured Sources** | **Featured Sources** |
| *Doing the Pan* website [**http://panam1901.org/index.html**](http://panam1901.org/index.html)Immigrant Communities of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition  [**http://library.buffalo.edu/pan-am/exposition/immigrants/**](http://library.buffalo.edu/pan-am/exposition/immigrants/)All Roads Will Led To Buffalo In September [**https://www.loc.gov/item/2004625832/**](https://www.loc.gov/item/2004625832/)Historical Maps of Buffalo, Erie County, and Western New York [**http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html**](http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html)Buffalo, NY CensusViewer [**http://censusviewer.com/city/NY/Buffalo**](http://censusviewer.com/city/NY/Buffalo)Racial Dot Map [**http://demographics.coopercenter.org/racial-dot-map/**](http://demographics.coopercenter.org/racial-dot-map/)Buffalo, NY Ethnic Maps[**https://nyheritage.org/**](https://nyheritage.org/)Search for: Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority Report mapsBuffalo Architecture Map [**http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library/Digitized-Materials.aspx**](http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library/Digitized-Materials.aspx)City of Buffalo Neighborhood map[**https://library.buffalo.edu/maps/buffalo-wnymaps/buffalo-neighborhoods.html**](https://library.buffalo.edu/maps/buffalo-wnymaps/buffalo-neighborhoods.html)Buffalo City Map [**https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e3-1b4a-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99**](https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e3-1b4a-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99) | Library of Congress website[**https://www.loc.gov**](https://www.loc.gov)*Doing the Pan* website[**http://panam1901.org/index.html**](http://panam1901.org/index.html)Immigrant Communities of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition [**http://library.buffalo.edu/pan-am/exposition/immigrants/**](http://library.buffalo.edu/pan-am/exposition/immigrants/)[**http://www.buffalohistoryworks.com**](http://www.buffalohistoryworks.com)The Pan-American Exposition[**http://www.trsite.org/learn/the-pan-american-expo**](http://www.trsite.org/learn/the-pan-american-expo)ExpoMuseum[**http://www.expomuseum.com/1901/**](http://www.expomuseum.com/1901/)A Trip Around the Pan-American Exposition -films[**https://www.loc.gov/item/00694338**](https://www.loc.gov/item/00694338) | Pan-American Exposition film-Japanese Village[**https://www.loc.gov/item/00694347/**](https://www.loc.gov/item/00694347/)Pan-American Exposition film-Esquimaux Village[**https://www.loc.gov/item/00694348/**](https://www.loc.gov/item/00694348/)Pan-American Exposition film-Esquimaux Game[**https://www.loc.gov/item/00694349/**](https://www.loc.gov/item/00694349/)Pan-American Exposition film-Esquimaux Leap Frog[**https://www.loc.gov/item/00694350/**](https://www.loc.gov/item/00694350/)[**http://www.buffalonian.com/history**](http://www.buffalonian.com/history)Penn Museum-All the World In One Place [**https://www.penn.museum/sites/expedition/all-the-world-in-one-place/**](https://www.penn.museum/sites/expedition/all-the-world-in-one-place/)The Pan-Am Midway[**http://www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com/article/the-midway-1**](http://www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com/article/the-midway-1)World’s Fair as Historical Metaphor[**http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/goldman/**](http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/goldman/)**l** |
| Summative Performance Task  | **Argument** | How has the topic of race and social inequalities changed in America over the last 100 years? Construct an argument supported with evidence that addresses the question of whether the American people’s attitudes have changed and evolved, or remained the same over time. |
| **Extension** | Participate in a class discussion about why these social inequalities exist. Why is this part of the human condition? What does this say about the human race as a whole? Can it be changed? How?  |
| Taking Informed Action | **UNDERSTAND-** Identify a social inequality that exists in your community today. **ASSESS**- Research and assess how this inequality impacts the community. **ACT**- Write a letter to a local government official outlining the inequality and an idea you have to make a positive change. |