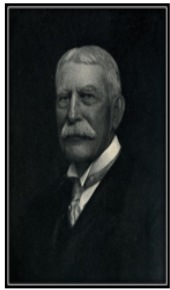


ST. AUGUSTINE FLORIDA



VIRTUAL field trip

Henry Flagler & The Gilded Age



Henry Flagler was a wealthy businessman who founded Standard Oil and the Florida East Coast Railway. He was key in developing the Atlantic coast of Florida.

In 1881, Henry Flagler traveled to Saint Augustine. Flagler loved the city but thought the hotel and transportation were inadequate. Flagler began building a 540-room luxury hotel called the Ponce de Leon Hotel. This hotel is now Flagler College.

Flagler also knew wanted a better transportation system, so he purchased short line railroads that later became the Florida East Coast Railway. Flagler used convict leasing to build the railroad. Convict leasing is a form of slavery where African American men were put in jail, often for petty "crimes," and forced to work without pay.

Flagler expanded his railroad and tourist empire down the coast. He continued to amass a fortune, while also exploiting African Americans for free labor. Over 4,000 workers, some as young as 15 years old, worked for Flagler's prospects. But Flagler was a powerful man.

Flagler once stated, "I believe this state is the easiest place for many men to gain a living. I do not believe any one else would develop it if I do not...but I do hope to live long enough to prove I am a good business man by getting a dividend on my investment." There is no doubt that Florida would be much different if Flagler had not set his sights here.



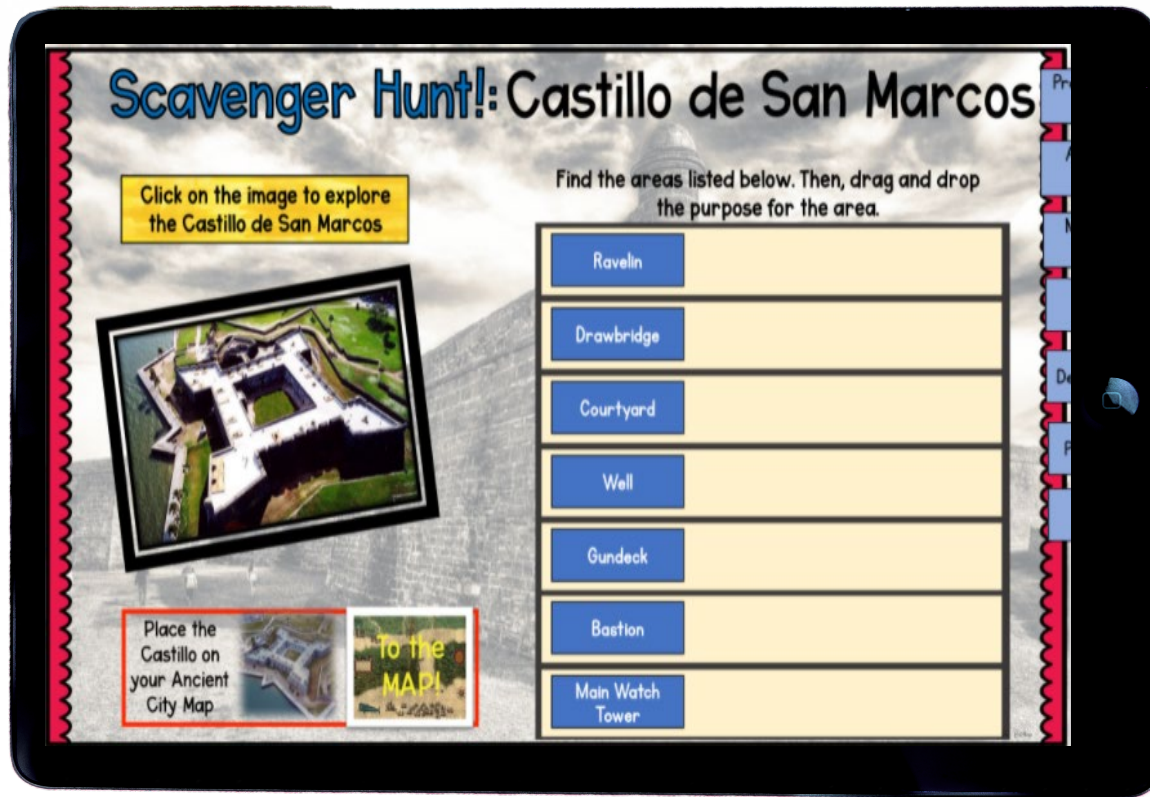
Click here to see an advertisement for the Florida East Coast Railway.

What drove people to visit Florida?

A large, empty rectangular box with a yellow border, intended for a student to write their answer to the question "What drove people to visit Florida?".

INTEGRATES READING

Short reading passages
build background and
introduce key vocabulary.



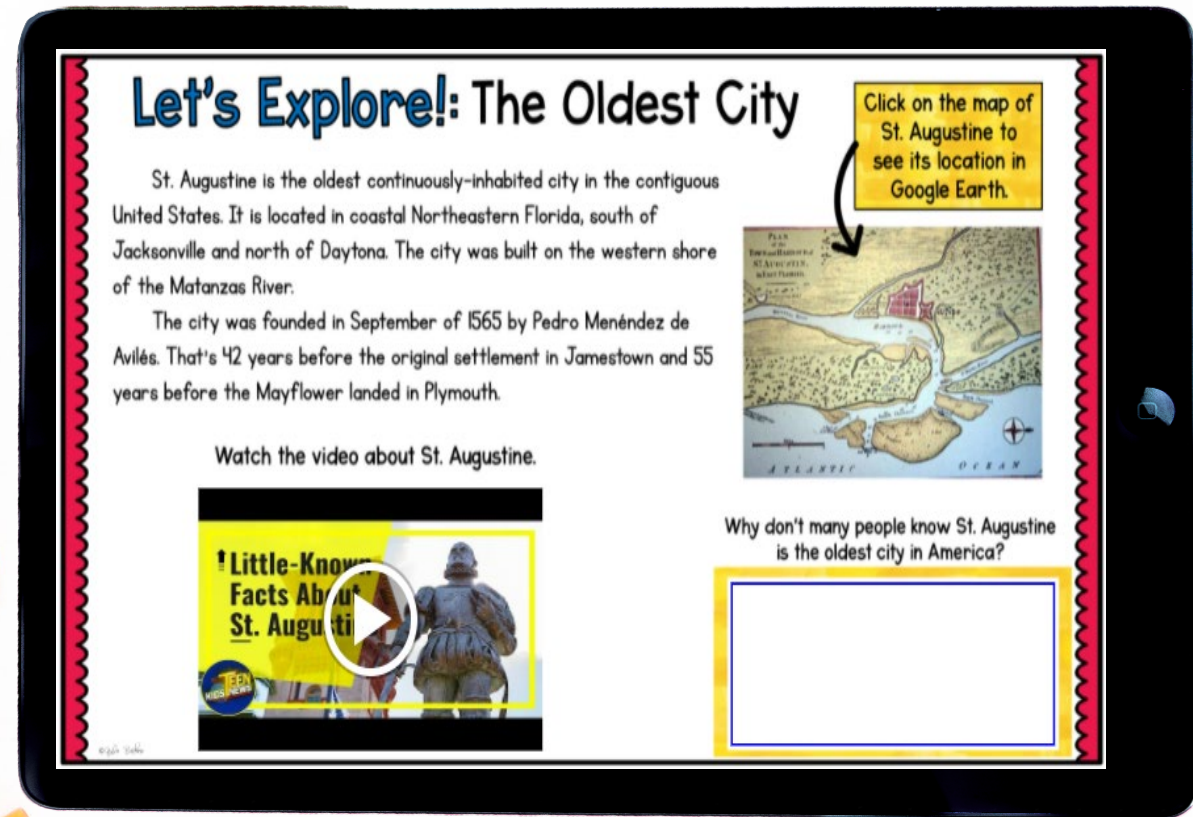
INTERACTIVE MOVABLE PIECES

colorful, interactive movable pieces that students can drag and drop to solve problems, making learning more engaging and hands-on.



ENGAGING & EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

Engaging videos and
multimedia make learning
fun.



CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Students dive deep into this engaging topic and learn to draw conclusions and make judgements.

The Old Jail

The Old Jail in Saint Augustine was built in 1891. It was financed by Henry Flagler. Flagler wanted the land the previous jail was on for his Ponce de Leon Hotel.

This jail was built for up to 72 prisoners. There were sections for the general population, maximum security, and women's quarters.

Living conditions at the Old Jail were very poor. Prisoners were used for free labor during the day. They did not get regular access to baths, and toilets were one bucket per cell. The food was poor and prisoners would often try to catch animals to eat while working in the fields. Disease was very prevalent. The jail was segregated by race. There was also a two-story wing for the sheriff office and living quarters for his family.

When was the Old Jail built?

Why did Flagler want to move the Old Jail?

Describe the living conditions for prisoners.

Place the Old Jail on your Ancient City Map

To the MAP!

WRITING

Students write reflections,
using critical thinking skills.



Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

Google Slides and SeeSaw



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