

MOHAI Minutes and Exploration Activity Prompts

Click on the titles to view the MOHAI Minute video.

There are many ways to use these exploration prompts. You can use them as conversation, project, or writing starts. Also, consider turning them into a design challenge, a mapping project, the beginnings of a poem or short story, an art response, or the first prompt in an exquisite corpse team project.

General Prompts that can be used across all videos:

- How is this unique to the Seattle-area?
- How has this history shaped the city/communities that live here?
- How does this history affect Seattle today? Affect you directly?
- What else does this make you wonder? How can you learn more?
- What do you think could have changed the outcome of these events? How would that make Seattle a different place now?
- Think about the similarities and differences between the historical events described and now. What has changed? What really hasn't?

Want to dive deeper? Use MOHAI's [online collection](#) to discover historic photographs and objects that relate to your topic!



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MOHAI Photographic Collection -1980.6877.176- Pilot Eddie Hubbard with Boeing B-1 mail plane at Lake Union, ca. 1925

The B-1 – *The first commercial plane to be designed and built by the Boeing Company.*

(topics- technology/ innovation/ industry/ Changing Seattle)

- How did establishing an international mail route change the Pacific Northwest?
- What do you know about the Boeing company, or other types of jobs rely in the aerospace industry in Seattle today?
- What was special about the materials used in the B-1 and why did that make a successful design? • How is that different from or similar to modern airplanes?
- What do you think it was like to fly in an

airplane made of wood and cloth?

- Learn about the B-1's flight statistics and create a map

for mail delivery in the Pacific Northwest. Calculate fuel and distance, look at the populations and needs of the towns of the time and create a delivery schedule.



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MOHAI Photographic Collection- 1983.10.6950 - A fishing camp at Wing Point on Bainbridge Island (ca.1905)

Salmon in Seattle – *Salmon is a Seattle food staple, a cultural icon, and supports a major industry.*

(topics – industry/ Coast Salish Food sovereignty/ food preservation/ technology/ Chinese Exclusion act of 1882/ Changing Seattle/ human impact on the environment/ natural cycles)

- In what ways are salmon considered important to the Seattle area?
- How have the ways that Seattle has changed over the years affected the local salmon?
- How has the fishing of salmon affected different local communities?

changes to the ways that people catch salmon affected different local communities? • How is the fight for

fishing rights similar or different to other struggles for Native American sovereignty?

- Create a piece of art inspired by the salmon cycle.
- Go out into your neighborhoods and map places that connect you to our local salmon- is it a storm drain, a creek, a business?



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MOHAI Photographic Collection 1955.970.500.55.1 - View of the 14th Avenue South Bridge over the Duwamish River, Seattle, circa 1930

Bridges – *Seattle is connected by nearly 150 bridges, ranging from big ones, like the I-90 Floating Bridge and the West Seattle Bridge, to smaller ones like the Fremont Bridge or the South Park Bridge.*

(topics- transportation, changing Seattle, human impacts on the environment)

- What does a bridge make possible in Seattle? Imagine Seattle without bridges- How could life be different?
- If you could move any of the bridges, where would you move it and why? What do you think that would change? Who that that change affect?

• How have bridges affected different local communities in Seattle?

- This is an old episode- some of the bridges that were mentioned are closed or have been demolished, while others have been repaired. How might that have changed the areas around them?
- Create a map of current or historical maps, or places that you think a future bridge should go.
- Build a model of a Seattle bridge and test it to see if it would hold up to an earthquake or daily traffic.