

History Hunt



Seventh and Eighth Grade Cultures of North Texas



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Section House

The de León house is a small, working-class home. With just two rooms, Mrs. de León has to be very careful with the way she uses her space. What modern conveniences does she have? What is she missing?

What industry brought the de León family to North Texas? Was this typical or no?

In the kitchen, what do you see that reflects the de León family's Hispanic heritage?

What other items do you see in the house that reflect the fact that the deLeon's are Hispanic?

How does the de León family stay warm? How do they get light?

On laundry day, after washing clothes, how are clothes dried at the de León house? Why do you think they do it this way?

How does Mrs. de León use her backyard?



Shotgun House

This house was built by a Dallas doctor as rental property and was part of a working class African American neighborhood. The house style was probably introduced into this country in the early 19th century by free blacks from Haiti. Though you may have heard that shotgun houses get their name because one can fire a shotgun through the front door and the bullet goes out the back door, take a look inside. You'll notice the two doors aren't lined up. Most likely, we corrupted the original African word "togun" into "shotgun."

Find the large scissors hanging in a window of the **Shotgun House**. They are a clue to Mrs. Freeman's occupation. What do you think it is? Can you find another clue inside the house?

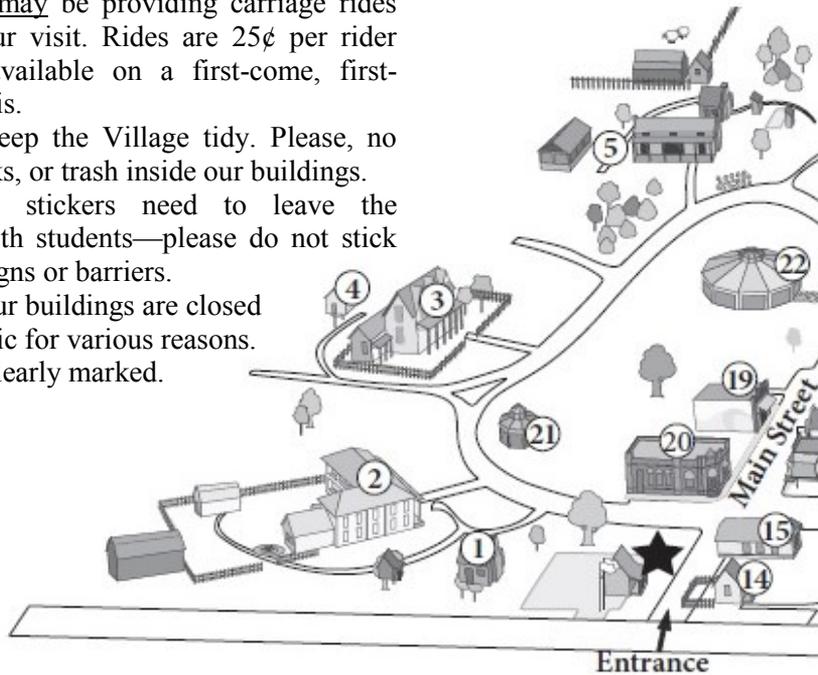
Many African-Americans believed that hanging these from a tree would catch any bad luck before it entered a home. What is hanging from the tree?

Can you find a picture of a famous president inside the **Shotgun House**? Who is it? Why do you think he's here?

What do the other photographs in the Shotgun House represent? Why do you think they were chosen?

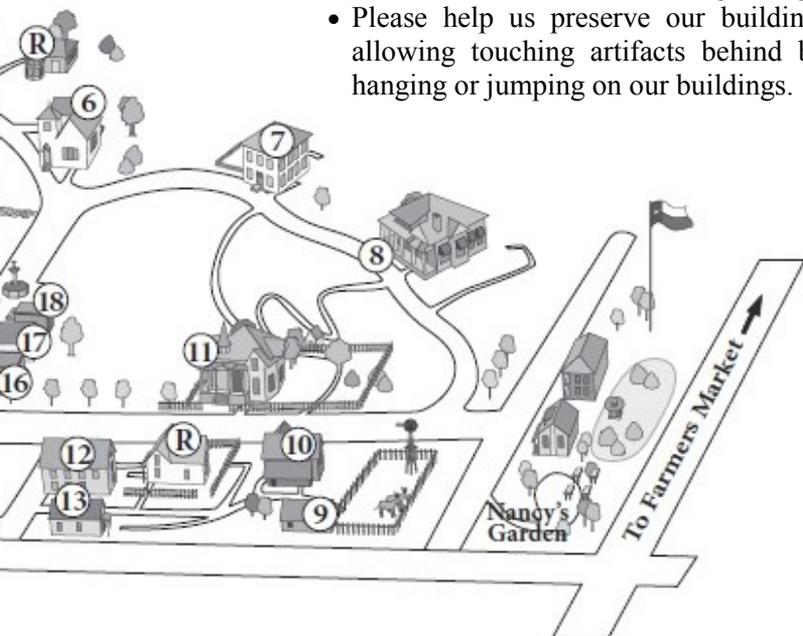
What modern conveniences does the **Shotgun House** feature? Was this typical of African-American homes? Why or why not?

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- Some of our buildings are closed to the public for various reasons. They are clearly marked.



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| 1. Miller Log Cabin | 9. Carriage House |
| 2. Millermore | 10. Doctor's Office |
| 3. Brent Place (event space) | 11. Blum House |
| 4. Potter's Shed
(closed for renovations) | 12. Worth Hotel |
| 5. Farmstead & Blacksmith | 13. Shotgun House |
| 6. Pilot Grove Church | 14. Section House |
| 7. Renner School House | 15. Depot |
| 8. Sullivan House | 16. General Store |

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17. Saloon

18. Law Office
(educational programming)

19. Browder Springs Hall
(event space)

20. Citizen's Bank &
Dentist's Office

21. Van Cleave Bandstand

22. Pavilion (event space)

★ Ticket Office
& Museum Store

Ⓜ Restrooms



Blum House

Mrs. Blum enjoys cooking in her modern kitchen for her family. Her family is Jewish, and you can see symbols of their faith throughout the house.

Look in the dining room. Do you see any symbols of the Blum family's faith? What is it used for?

What other indications of the Blum family's religion do you see? How do you know they are religious objects?

Many people describe the **Blum House** as fancy. What makes it fancy?

What modern kitchen objects do you see? Did the other houses you encountered have these objects?

What were the upstairs rooms used for? How can you tell?



Sullivan House

When it was built, the Sullivan House was the height of fashion and luxury. It also was a very modern house, with the latest in technology. Can you find all the modern features in this house?

Every door in **Sullivan** has a window above it that opens, called a transom. Why do you think it's there?

The light fixtures in the **Sullivan House** have light bulbs pointing both up and down. Why?

What kind of toys can you find in the **Sullivan House**? Which rooms have no toys? What does this reflect about the Sullivan family?

Name as many animals as you can in the **Sullivan** office. Why do you think there are so many animals in Mr. Sullivan's office?

Which room tells you the most about Mr. Sullivan's profession? Why?

What one thing does the **Sullivan House** have that no other house in the Village has?

Compare and Contrast the Sullivan House and the Blum House.

