

Going Ape and Having a Cow: **Leisure**

The following activity can be done individually but small groups are recommended. Students can be placed in groups or form a group of their own choosing of 2-4 students to divide the research, which can be time-consuming. Time should also be scheduled in the school's computer lab to allow groups to work together on creating the final PowerPoint presentation.

Activity #1

1. Students will conduct research on teen leisure activities in Champaign County in the 1950s and put together a PowerPoint presentation for their classmates.
2. The students will need to conduct a fair amount of research outside of class as well as in class. Consult with your school's librarian about resources available in the school library.
3. Direct students to outside community research facilities:

Early American Museum

Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve

Mahomet, IL

217.586.2612

Champaign County Historical Museum

102 East University Avenue

Champaign, IL

217.356.1010

Champaign County Historical Archives

Urbana Free Library

210 West Green Street

Urbana, IL

217.367.4057

Champaign County Cultural Memory

University of Illinois

<http://images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/gcm/ccm/database.htm>

4. Show students Waterslide PowerPoint as a rough example of the information needed in their presentations: brief history, use then and use now.
5. Each group will most likely need access to a digital camera and some type of data storage device (i.e. flash drive). This should be taken into consideration if groups are teacher-chosen. Most families have access to such technology, but not all will. The teacher may need to help student groups with access to such technologies.
6. Research topics include but are by no means limited to: bowling, movies, board games, school dances, sports, theatre, drive-in movies, soda shops, comic books, etc...