



WESTMINSTER



LET'S HAVE FUN IN  
WESTMINSTER...



# BY BECOMING A JUNIOR CITY PLANNER!

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## WHAT IS A CITY PLANNER?

A City Planner looks out for our community: We answer questions like: Where are buildings located and what do they look like? How does the landscaping around the building look? Where do cars park? These are only a few questions a City Planner would answer.

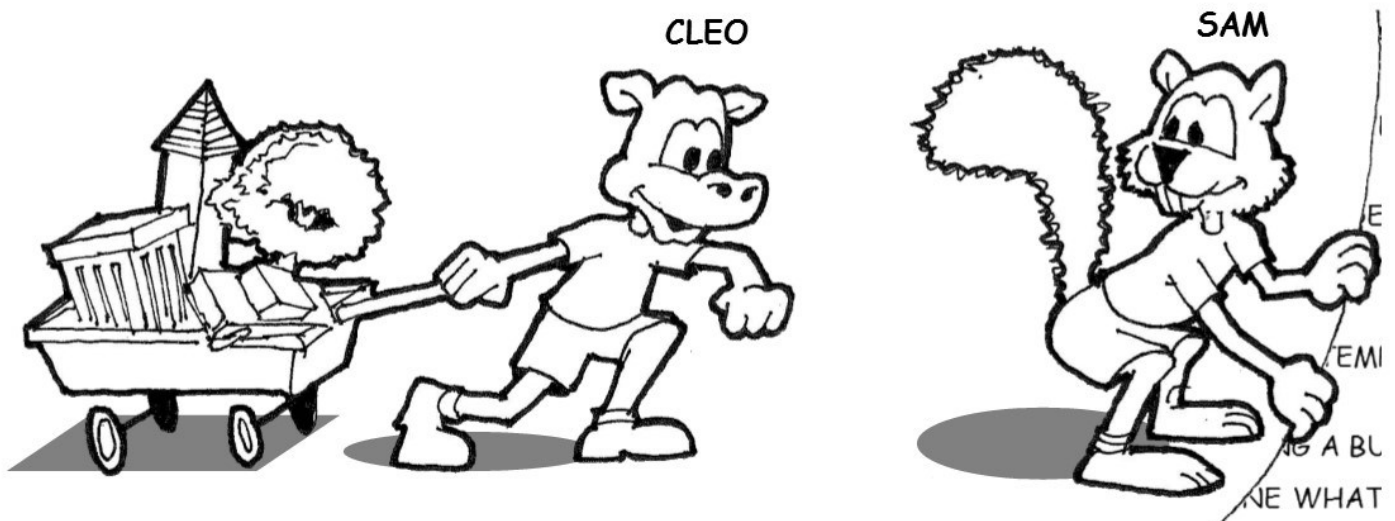
We are lucky enough to work with all types of other experts during our work day: Building experts, Architects, Firefighters, Police Officers, Bus drivers, Train Engineers, and Real Estate Professionals - just to name a few. We also listen to you and your neighbors about how to improve the community. The improvements we make to our community have an affect on the state we live in, the country our state is located in and, ultimately, improves the planet we all live on.

As City Planners we studied very hard in elementary, middle and high school and focused on Math, Science, Geography, English and even Art. A person becomes a City Planner after studying 4 - 7 years of Planning at a college or university.

It is very important to pay attention in school and do the best you can in every test you take.

The Junior City Planner Program is designed to get you involved in making their community the best place to live, work, and play. Through knowledge and understanding of what makes a community great, a Junior City Planner will be empowered to make a list of any and all ideas to improve their community. By picking up trash, or identifying areas that need improvement, a Junior City Planner will bring attention to areas that city officials cannot see. No idea is too crazy and no project is too small. Whatever you do, have fun with this program and be sure your parents participate as well.

Now, let's help Cleo and Sam make Westminster the best place it can be!



## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS



AS CITY PLANNERS, WE NEED TO KNOW A LOT OF WORDS. BELOW ARE JUST A FEW FOR YOU TO BE AWARE OF:

**CIRCULATION** - A ROAD, SIDEWALK, BIKE PATH, HIKING TRAIL; A PATHWAY DESIGNED FOR TRAVEL.

**CITY COUNCIL** - A GROUP OF CITIZENS ELECTED BY OTHER CITIZENS TO MAKE NECESSARY DECISIONS FOR THE PROGRESS AND LEADERSHIP OF A COMMUNITY.

**DEVELOPMENT** - A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE BUILDINGS, PARKING, CIRCULATION, AND LANDSCAPING.

**DRAINAGE** - A PATHWAY OR COLLECTION AREA FOR RAINWATER AND MELTING SNOW.

**LAND USE** - LAND CATEGORIES WHICH ALLOW CERTAIN USES LIKE HOUSES, RESTAURANTS, OFFICES, ETC.

**LANDSCAPING** - GRASS, TREES, ROCKS, SHRUBS, THAT ARE PLACED AROUND BUILDINGS OR PARKING LOTS.

**MATERIALS** - A PRODUCT USED FOR COVERING A BUILDING; FOR INSTANCE, BRICK AND STONE ARE OFTEN USED AS BUILDING MATERIALS.

**MAYOR** - A CITIZEN WHO IS ELECTED TO SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY IN PUBLIC SITUATIONS OR EVENTS.

**MIXED USE** - MIXING HOUSING, RESTAURANTS, AND SHOPPING IN ONE DEVELOPMENT.

**PARKS/OPEN SPACE** - GREENSPACES WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN PLAY OR ENJOY A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

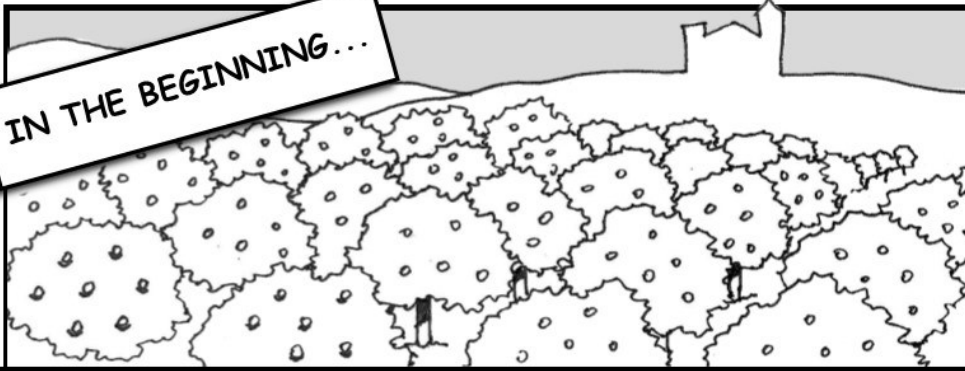
**PARKING LOT** - AN AREA WHERE VISITORS, CAN PARK THEIR CARS WHILE THEY ARE VISITING A PLACE OR BUILDING.

**SIGN** - A TOOL USED FOR ADVERTISING A BUSINESS OR IDENTIFYING A BUILDING.

**ZONING** - THE LOCATION BOUNDARY, AND RULES, THAT DETERMINE WHICH LAND USES CAN GO WHERE.

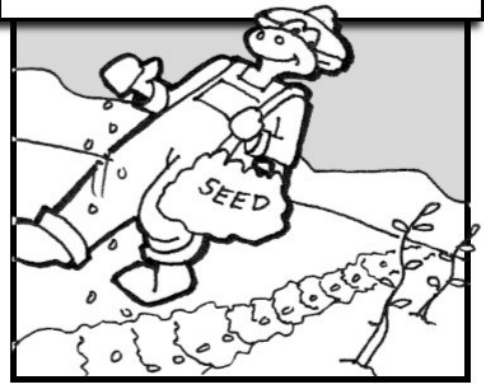
# WESTMINSTER HISTORY

IN THE BEGINNING...

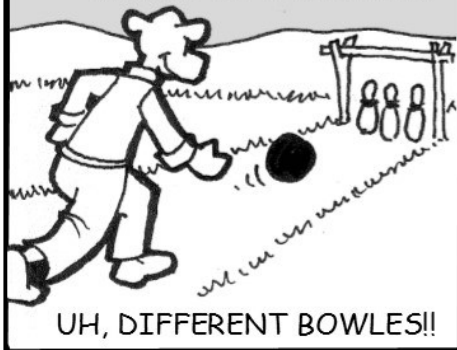


WESTMINSTER BEGAN AS AN APPLE AND CHERRY ORCHARD NEAR WEST 76TH AVE. AND LOWELL IN 1870!

1ST ORCHARD WAS PLANTED BY PLEASANT DeSPAIN...

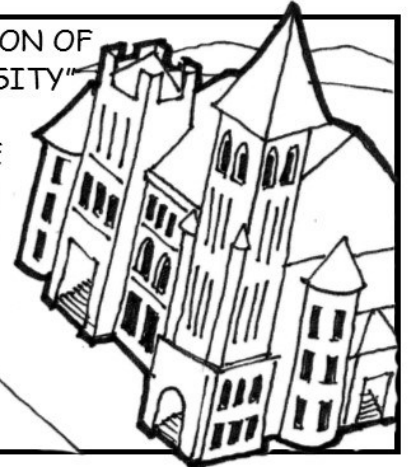
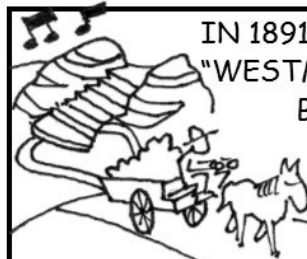


1871 - EDWARD BOWLES MOVES TO THE AREA...



UH, DIFFERENT BOWLES!!

IN 1891, THE CONSTRUCTION OF "WESTMINSTER UNIVERSITY" BEGAN BY USING ROCK FROM THE RED ROCKS AREA...



BY 1908 CLASSES BEGAN AT THE "PRINCETON OF THE WEST." WESTMINSTER IS NAMED AFTER THIS UNIVERSITY!

ART ACTIVITY

HAVE YOUR PARENTS TAKE YOU TO SEE THE "CASTLE ON THE HILL" AND USE THE SPACE BELOW TO DRAW A PICTURE OF THE BUILDING.



# READING MAPS

MOST OF US PLANNERS ARE MAPPING EXPERTS...



IN SCHOOL WE WERE THE KIDS ALWAYS STARING AT MAPS...

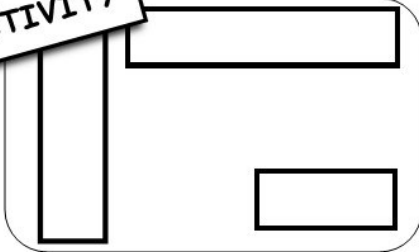


THERE'S THE PLACE!

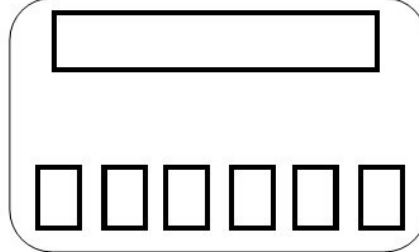
BY UNDERSTANDING MAPS, YOU WILL ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE...



## ACTIVITY



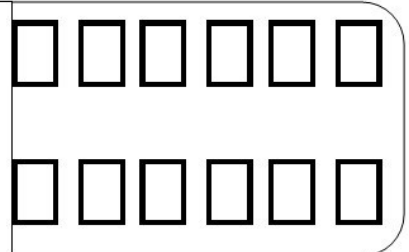
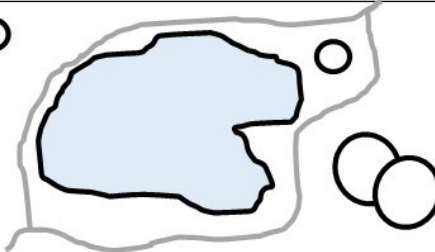
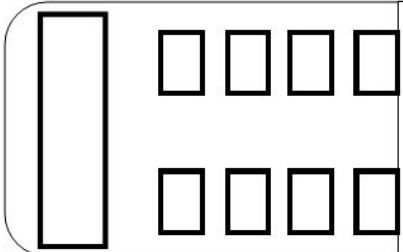
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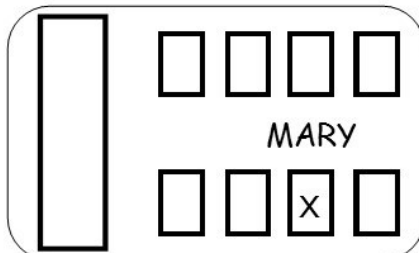
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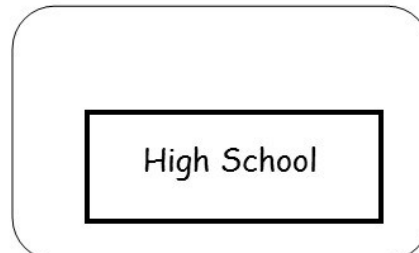
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## MAPPING ACTIVITY

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW ON THE MAP ABOVE:

LOCATE AND LABEL THE COMPASS (KNOWN AS A "COMPASS ROSE")

CREATE A NAME FOR THE LAKE ON THE MAP.

WHAT FUN THINGS CAN YOU DO ON A LAKE?

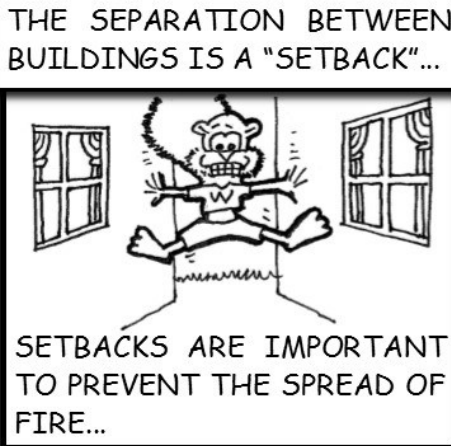
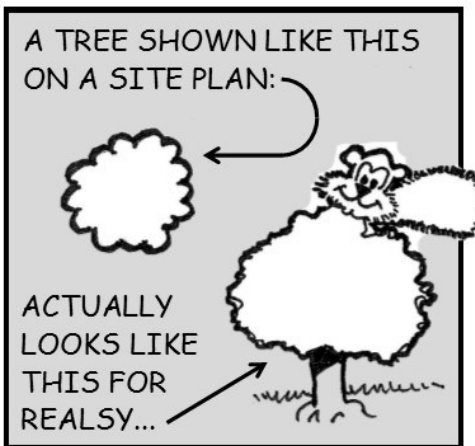
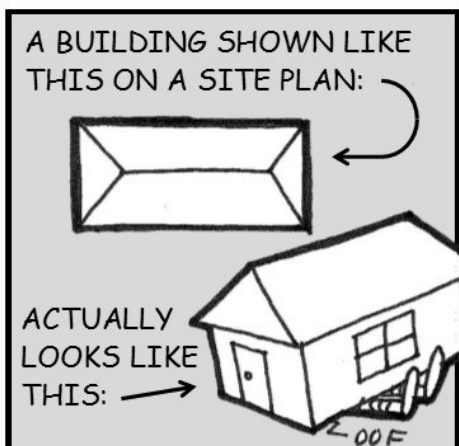
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PLEASE CREATE A NAME FOR EACH STREET ON THE MAP...

MARY WORKS AT CITY HALL BUT DOESN'T HAVE A CAR. PLEASE DRAW HER ROUTE TO WORK AND DESCRIBE WHAT METHOD SHE USED TO GET THERE...

## SITE PLANS

THE PRIMARY JOB OF A PLANNER IS LOOKING AT SITE PLANS...

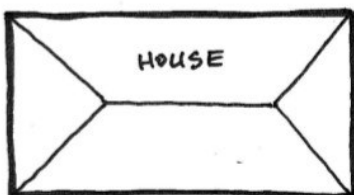


### ACTIVITY

### SITE PLANNING EXERCISE

CUT OUT THE OBJECTS BELOW AND PLACE THEM ON THE PROPERTY SHOWN AT THE RIGHT...

- A HOUSE IS USUALLY LOCATED NEAR THE STREET BUT SETBACK FROM THE PROPERTY LINE.



- A SHED IS GENERALLY LOCATED BEHIND THE HOUSE AND STORES TOOLS.



- A DECK IS USUALLY ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE AND IS USED AS AN OUTDOOR SITTING SPACE.



- TREES ARE FOUND ALL AROUND THE PROPERTY. THEY PROVIDE GOOD SHADE BUT SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO THE HOUSE SO THE ROOTS DON'T DAMAGE THE FOUNDATION.

