

D8 Part V: PBL Hometown Tour Site Considerations Guide & Guiding Questions

There are **7 Different Types of Sites** you all will be visiting & investigating (**Historic, Economic, Cultural, Public, Natural, Cuisine, & Lodging** that I'd like you to share as you create a **guided tour** for people **visiting** your chosen community. Below are each of them with details on questions you ought to try and answer when visiting / **investigating** these sites:

Historic Sites: (to qualify as historic, the site must go back at least ~50 years)

Historic sites are **areas** that in the **past*** (and **hopefully present!**) have been **important** to the community. Examples might include some of the older buildings / sites in the area, etc. The **National Register of Historic Places** does a pretty good job of listing many of the historic sites around (see: <https://goo.gl/mUU9LD> for many such sites). As you **visit, investigate** and then **describe** your main chosen **historic site** for your tour, consider the **following questions:**

- *When the site built? How old is it?*
- *What was its original function / purpose when it was built? Has this changed over the years? Explain!*
- *How much of the building is original? Has it been remodeled? Explain!*
- *What is its current use? What does the future hold for it?*
- *Any interesting or unique facts / things? Share!* (*this question can be asked of any site, but worth asking!)*

Economic:

Economic sites would most likely be **businesses** that have had an important impact on the community. Perhaps they hire a good number of people, or provide a unique service that people depend on, etc. For example, **Novell** was a company that hired a lot of people in the Provo area for many years. As you visit one of these, consider the following:

- *Why is this site important to the local economy?*
- *What things are created / services done at this business? What is the thing / service they sell / do the most of?*
- *How many people in the local community are employed by the business?*
- *What is the skill / education level of your employees? Who does the company like to hire?*

Cultural:

Cultural sites / events are places / things related to **artistic, religious** or **social pursuits** that are considered **valuable** to the community. Examples might include **Community Theater, pageants, community events, sports teams, etc.**

- *How does this site / event contribute to the culture of the community?*
- *When was it started / built? What was the purpose of it, and has that changed? Explain!*
- *What are some cool, interesting things one might see here?*
- *Why do people enjoy this site / event? What does the future hold for it?*

Public:

Public sites would be areas that are used for **public gatherings, services**, etc. Examples might include a **city park**, a **library, community center**, public **high school**, and so on.

- *Why is this site important to the local community? Is it used for any special events?*
- *When was it first created? Why, and has its purpose changed over the years? Explain!*
- *What is unique about the site that makes it worth visiting? Etc.*

Natural Sites:

These are places that have minimal human-environment interaction, and are of interest for their **beauty** and **preservation** of **natural** plants, animals, landscapes, etc. Examples might include **recreation / wilderness areas, protected environments**, etc.

- *What is unique about this site that draws locals and others here? (Geography, etc.)*
- *What sort of plants, animals, etc. can be seen here? How should one act around these things?*
- *Is this site protected in some way? What might we do to better help preserve it?*
- *What activities are allowed here? Any suggestions you might make to visitors? Explain!*

Cuisine:

Every tourist likes to see **cool sites**, but they also have to **eat**. Consider these **3 different sites**, as follows:

1. **Local, Home-town cooking:** Highlight a **local food business** that is **not** a big franchise (unless it **started locally**).
2. **Fine Dining:** Discuss a place that's more **fancy**; sometimes people like to eat at really **nice** restaurants!
3. **Dessert:** Sometimes it's nice to go and just get an **ice cream, snack**, etc! Share a local place to do this!

Consider the following questions:

- *When was this place made into a food establishment? Does it serve any other purpose? Explain!*
- *What type of food does it offer (Mexican, American, etc.)? Is it more **fancy, traditional, dessert focused**, or a combination of these?*
- *What do you suggest? Eat some of the food, and share! Idea: Ask the owners / managers if they have anything that is unique, special, local, etc. that they are proud of.*

Lodging:

Tourists are going to want to know **where they ought to stay** while visiting your town. Give them some ideas!

- *What **options** do they have for **lodging accommodations** in your chosen community? Compare these!*
- *What **costs** are associated with their options? What do they receive in return?*
- *Which would you **highlight** as an "Editor's Choice", or which would be your top pick for a place to stay with some reasons why?*