

## TEACHING GREEN LAWN: AMERICAN HISTORY IN A CEMETERY



## Historian's Apprentice: Green Lawn Cemetery Activity





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- Your group will research the following Topic/Historical Era:
  - Industrial Leaders and Progressive Reformers (Industrialization and Progressivism: 1877-1920)
- Take notes at each grave site and record them on Table 1. Visit at least 6 of the following sites (see map):
  - Peter Hayden
  - Battelle Family
  - Frank Packard
  - Joseph Jeffrey
  - The Wolfe Brothers
  - Washington Gladden
  - Eddie Rickenbacker
  - Samuel P. Bush
- On Table 2, make one overarching claim (thesis) about Columbus in this era and use the biographical information to support your claim with evidence from the sources.

Example Thesis: During the Civil War Era, Columbus was often considered the northern-most Southern city, and the southern-most Northern city. The divided loyalties of the city were evident in the lives of strong union supporters such as Edwin Coggeshall, the Neils, and Keltons, and Confederate supporters like Samuel Medary.

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  - Frank Packard
  - Alice Schille
  - Don Casto
  - Carrie Nelson Black
  - Wayne Wheeler
  - Fred Lazarus
  - James Thurber
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**Table 1: Note-Taking Matrix** 

Name	Description of gravesite	What inferences can you make about this person from the gravesite?	Key details from the bio sheet and video

Claim (Thesis):		
Supporting Evidence:		