

Eastside Literacy Talk Time Spring 2006

Talk Time Topic: Local Places to Visit around Seattle

Let's get started...

Take a few minutes to think of a local place that you visited.

- Where did you go, and what did you do?
- Who went with you? (*friends, family, etc.*)
- How much did it cost?
- Would you recommend this place to others? Why or why not?

Background:

Many people go to coffee shops (Starbucks is a favorite destination) or shopping when they have *cabin fever*. At other times, they want a longer trip or a *change of scenery* so they take a day trip. Families, couples, and people of all ages enjoy seeing or doing something new. The Seattle area offers many different types of things to do and see close to home. It is possible to take a ferry, drive to the mountains, and visit the Pike Place Market all in the same day!



Spend 5 minutes asking each other the following questions.

Interview 2-3 people about any local trips that they have taken. Work with your Talk Time leader to complete the grid below.

Share your results with the group.

Name	Where did you go?	What did you see?	Would you go again?

Discussion Questions:

What places would you like to visit? How can you find out more about the cost, the transportation and any other questions you might have?

What activities do you enjoy doing? Do you prefer indoor or outdoor activities?

What did you do in your country? Did you take local trips? Where did you go?

Did you take trips in Winter? Spring? Summer? Fall? Why?

Some outings are “kid friendly” and others are not. Which places in your country are “kid friendly” and which are not?

There is a resource list of local places to visit on the next page. Spend some time looking over this page. Which of these places have you heard about? What have you heard? Ask

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questions about one of the places you hope to visit. Gather information from your classmates for your next outing.

Many of these great places to visit offer reduced prices or FREE days if you plan ahead.

- Some of the museums offer free Tuesdays or Thursdays.

How will you find out about these special offers? Share your ideas with your group.

Below are some of the local places to visit on a rainy day (or anytime):

- The Center House at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, WA 98109 www.seattlecenter.com/
- The Pike Place Market, 1531 Western Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 www.pikeplacemarket.org/
- Seattle Art Museum, 100 University St. Seattle, WA 98101 www.seattleartmuseum.org/
- Seattle Asian Art Museum, 1400 E. Prospect St., Volunteer Park, Seattle WA 98112 www.seattleartmuseum.org
- Seattle Aquarium, 1483 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98101 www.seattleaquarium.com
- Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101 www.spl.org/
- Wing Luke Museum, 407 7th Ave. Seattle, WA 98104 www.wingluke.org/

Here are some places to visit on a clear day or with an umbrella:

- Alki Beach Park, 1702 Alki Ave. SW Seattle, WA 98136 www.seattle.gov/seattle/parks/
- Ballard Locks & Ship Canal, 3015 NW 54th St. Seattle, WA 98107 (206)783-7059 www.nws.usace.army.mil/
- Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St. Bellevue, WA 98005 (206)-452-2750 www.bellevuebotanical.org/
- Kelsey Creek Park & Farm, 13204 SE 8th St. Bellevue, WA 98005 (425)752-7688 www.cityofbellevue.org/page.asp?view=2035
- Washington Arboretum, 2300 arboretum Dr. E Seattle, WA 98112 (206)543-8800 <http://depts.washington.edu/>
- Washington State Ferries, 801 Alaskan Way Pier 52 Seattle, WA 98104 (206)464-6400 www.seattle.gov/html/citizen/ferry.htm
- Woodland Park Zoo, 5500 Phinney Ave. N Seattle, WA 98103 (206)684-4800 www.zoo.org/

New words and Idioms:

Excursion, outing, tour, trip, day trip, pleasure trip, round-trip, one-way, walk, drive, Sunday drive, ride, sight-seeing, hike, long weekend, weekend trip, scenic, "rain or shine", "need a change of scenery", "stir-crazy", "cabin fever", "kid- friendly", etc.