



Los Angeles Conservancy Kids' Guide to Broadway Activities for Kids and Teachers

Activity 5

Build Broadway

Curriculum Link: Social Studies; Mapping

Have students review and synthesize the information they learned on the Broadway tour by challenging them to build a model of the streetscape using recyclable materials.

- ❖ Over a few weeks, ask students to collect and bring in recyclable materials, such as clean plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, and paper towel tubes.
- ❖ Lead an all-class discussion where you map out Broadway and the buildings you plan to include in your model. Decide as a group on a general scale for your project: for example, if you all agree that the tall buildings in your model, such as the Eastern Columbia Clocktower, will be about one foot high, then students can adjust their own building plans accordingly.
- ❖ Divide students into small groups to construct the buildings using the recyclables along with paint, markers, and glue. Print out photos from the web tour for students to use as a reference as they build.
- ❖ Set aside room in your class for students to “assemble” Broadway. Have them use the tour map as a guide for placing the buildings. Remind students that a streetscape needs additional elements, such as lamps, mailboxes, and benches. Have students break into small groups to complete their “finishing touches.”
- ❖ Invite students from other classes into your room for a Broadway tour. Have students act as docents, sharing what they know about the buildings and the history of the area.