Biddy Mason Speaks Up

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Questions and Activities

1. What is your family’s migration story: when did your ancestors arrive to the United States of America and why does your family live in the neighborhood where you live today? What does your home mean to you and your family?

2. How did Biddy speak up to make an impact in the city of Los Angeles? Which places tell the story of the impact she made? How can you speak up and make an impact in your community? What people or values would you speak up on behalf of?

3. Why is important to learn about the story of Biddy and all of the places that embody her history?

4. Are there places in your neighborhood that represent discrimination or racism similar to what Biddy and her family faced when they were enslaved? What about places that represent stories of resistance and resilience? Whose story do these places tell and whose story do they not tell?