Isaac Murphy: The Gentle Jockey

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for

The Chronicle of African Americans in the Horse Industry

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| **Summary** |
| Students will learn about the prominent African American jockey Isaac Burns Murphy who lived in Kentucky. The main purpose of this lesson is for students to recognize the impact that African Americans who worked in the horse industry had on their community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. |

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| **Grade Levels, Subjects, Standards** |
| 2nd  English Language Arts (Reading/Writing), Social Studies  Kentucky Academic Standards Reading for Informational Text RI.2.1; RI.2.3, RI.2.6, RI.2.9, C.2.1, C.2.5, C.2.6, C.2.4  National Academic Standards for Social Studies 2.I.Q.1, 2.I.Q.2, 2.H.CO.1, 2.I.CC.2 |

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| **Time Requirements** |
| 1 week; 30 minutes/day |

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| **Chronicle Theme and Resources** |
| Legacy Lives On  Person Profile of Isaac Murphy |

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| **Goals** |
| 1. Students will be able to ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how, related to Isaac Burns Murphy and make and support logical inferences to construct meaning from the text; 2. Students will be able to describe the connection between Isaac Murphy and other notable African American individuals from recommended texts; 3. Students will be able to describe the relationship between two texts on the same topic or theme: the informational text about Isaac Murphy presented in Chronicle of African Americans in the Horse Industry and the literary portrait of Isaac Murphy presented in Frank X Walker’s poem; 4. Students will be able to compose a writing piece about Isaac Murphy using a combination of digital and literary resources, vocabulary words and character description chart; |

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| **Guiding Question and Key Concepts** |
| How did African American jockey Isaac Burns Murphy impact horse racing in Kentucky and what was his legacy? |

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| **Vocabulary** |
| Affinity  Apprenticeship  Breeder  Induct  Jockey  Mount  Nigger  Talent  Thoroughbred  Trainer  Watchful |