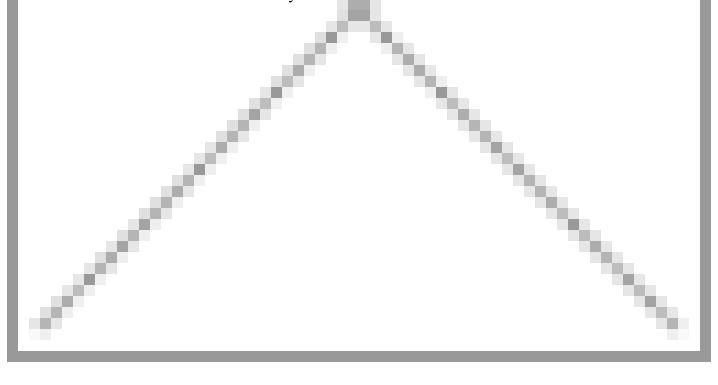
ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES FOR "SAVING AMERICAN BEACH: THE BIOGRAPHY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTALIST MAVYNEE BETSCH"

Album Description

Last week I read Heidi Tyline King's Saving American Beach: The Biography of African American Environmentalist MaVynee Betsch and was fascinated to learn this story. After going down my own rabbit hole, I decided to create an album for anyone looking for primary sources to pair with this picture book biography. In the days of Jim Crow, the beaches in Jacksonville, Florida were segregated, so MaVynee's grandfather purchased land and created his own beach, American Beach. After a career as an opera singer, MaVynee returned to American Beach where she fought to save the Beach. Pre K - 2 3 - 5 Conservation American Beach MaVynee Betsch



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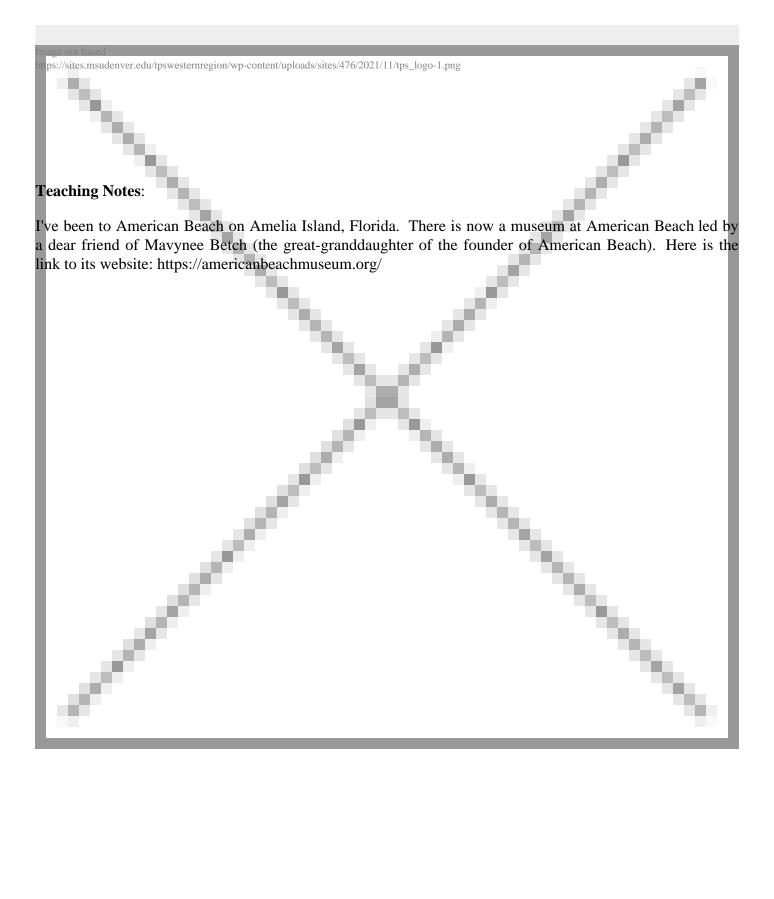
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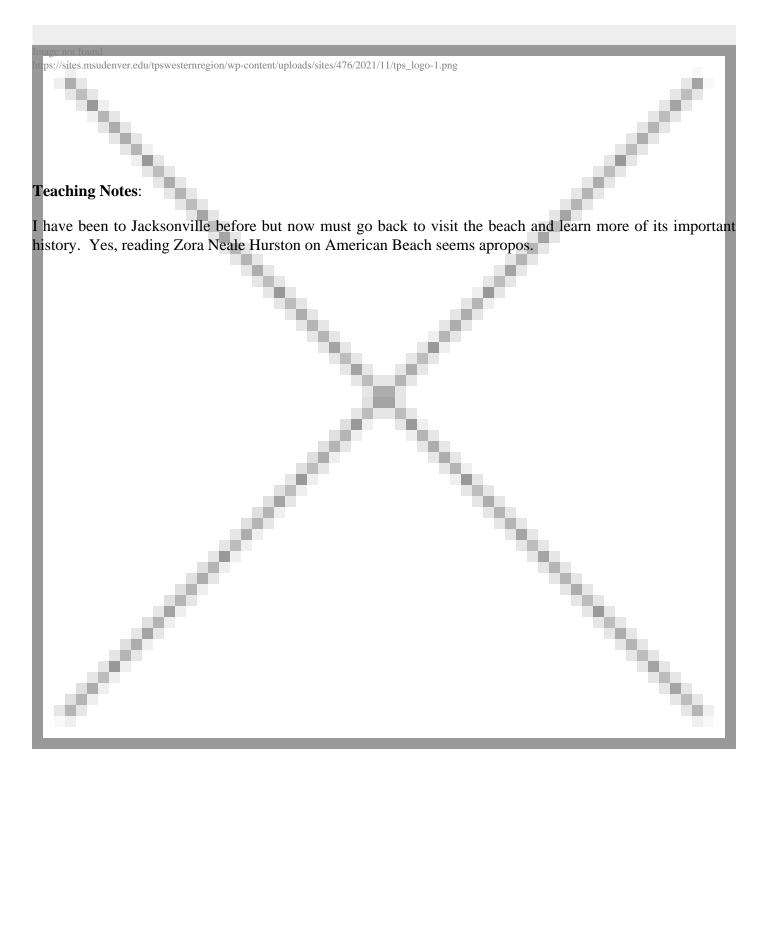
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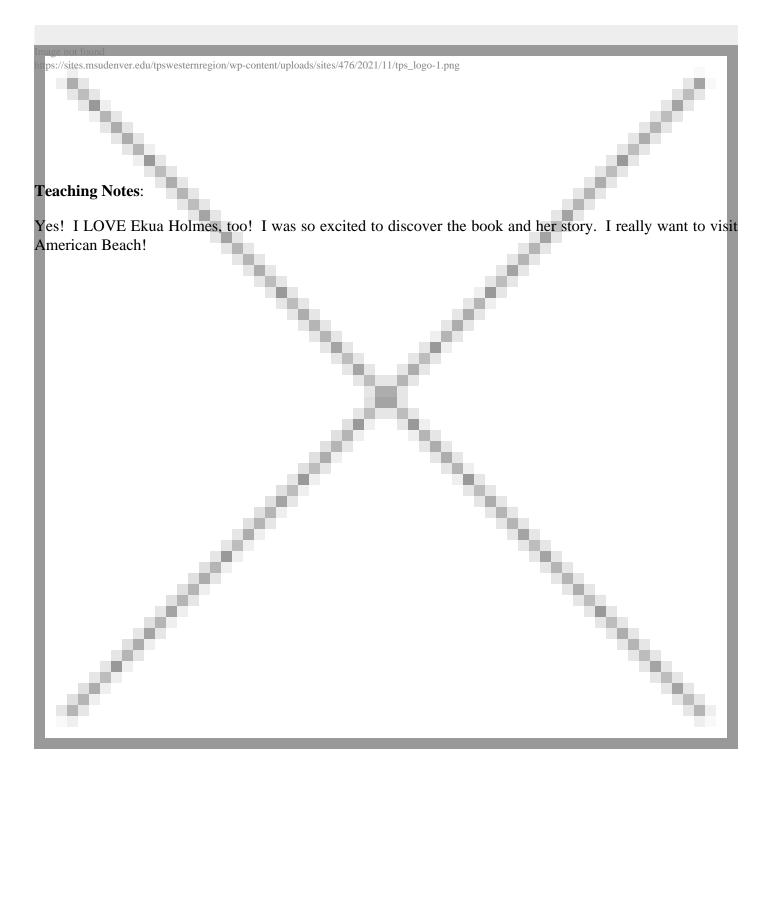
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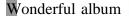


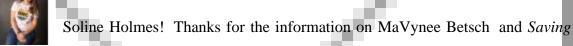






Teaching Notes:





the American Beach. We've been following another historic segregation story about a beach in Southern California that has been making the news, Bruce's Beach. I was looking for a connection in the Library of Congress- and with the MaVynee Betsch story, you have found it! It is a different story with the same beginning and end - beaches segregated because of Jim Crow and civil rights activists fighting to save those beaches.

Bruce's Beach in the News:

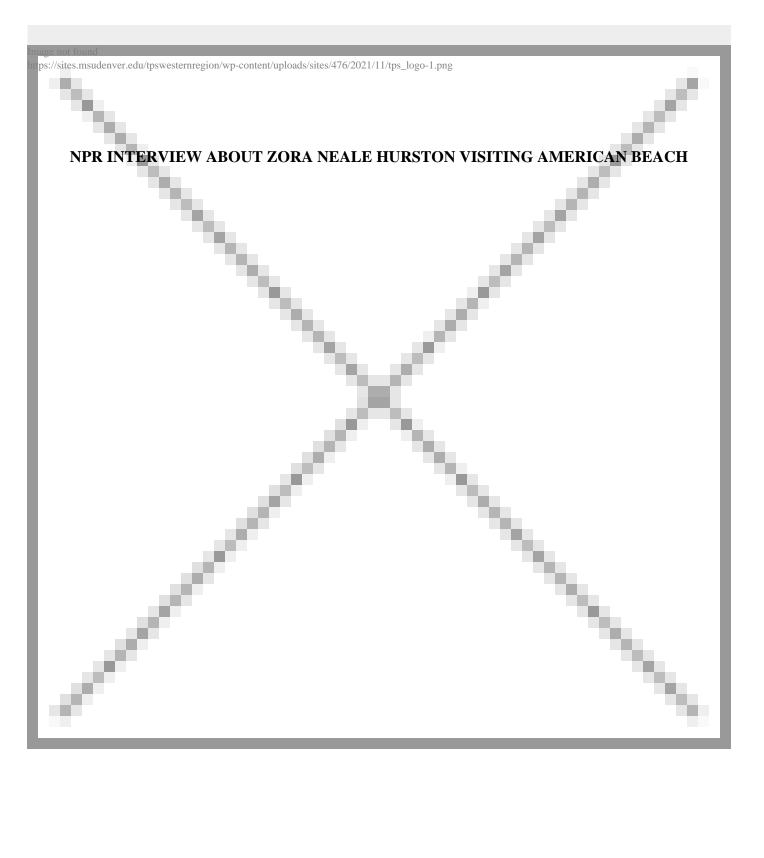
- Los Angeles Times -Bruce's Beach can return to descendants of Black family in landmark move signed by Newsom
- Insider: Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a bill returning historic 'Bruce's Beach' land to descendants of Black couple who were run out a century ago.
- NBC News After California moves to return Bruce's Beach to Black family, a push to recover other seized land
- NPR A Black family got their beach back and inspired others to fight against land theft

My son lives near there and he sent a couple of pictures of the plaque at the Beach.









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