



PEQUOT
LIBRARY

Exploring Pequot Library

Pequot Library: Then and Now

Lesson Plan

Grades 3-6

45 minutes

After taking a tour of Pequot Library (virtual or in-person), take a step back in time to explore what the library was like during the 19th century. Using tools from the National Archives, students will gain an understanding of how to analyze historic photos to learn about Pequot's history. They will also compare images from Pequot's history to images of the library from today, while considering what types of things have changed and what has stayed the same.

Curriculum Connection: Social Studies

Materials

- Historic photos of Pequot Library
- National Archives Photo Analysis Tool
- Pencil

Questions

As you take a look at the following slides, ask yourself:

- Which room or space within Pequot Library is this?
- Compare the historic (black and white) photo to the current (color) photo.
What's the same? What's different?
- What do the photos tell you about Pequot Library then, and now? How has the library changed over time to meet the needs of the community?
- In what ways has the library stayed the same? What does that tell us about the things we have in common with people and the community from the past?
- What else would you like to learn?

Observe

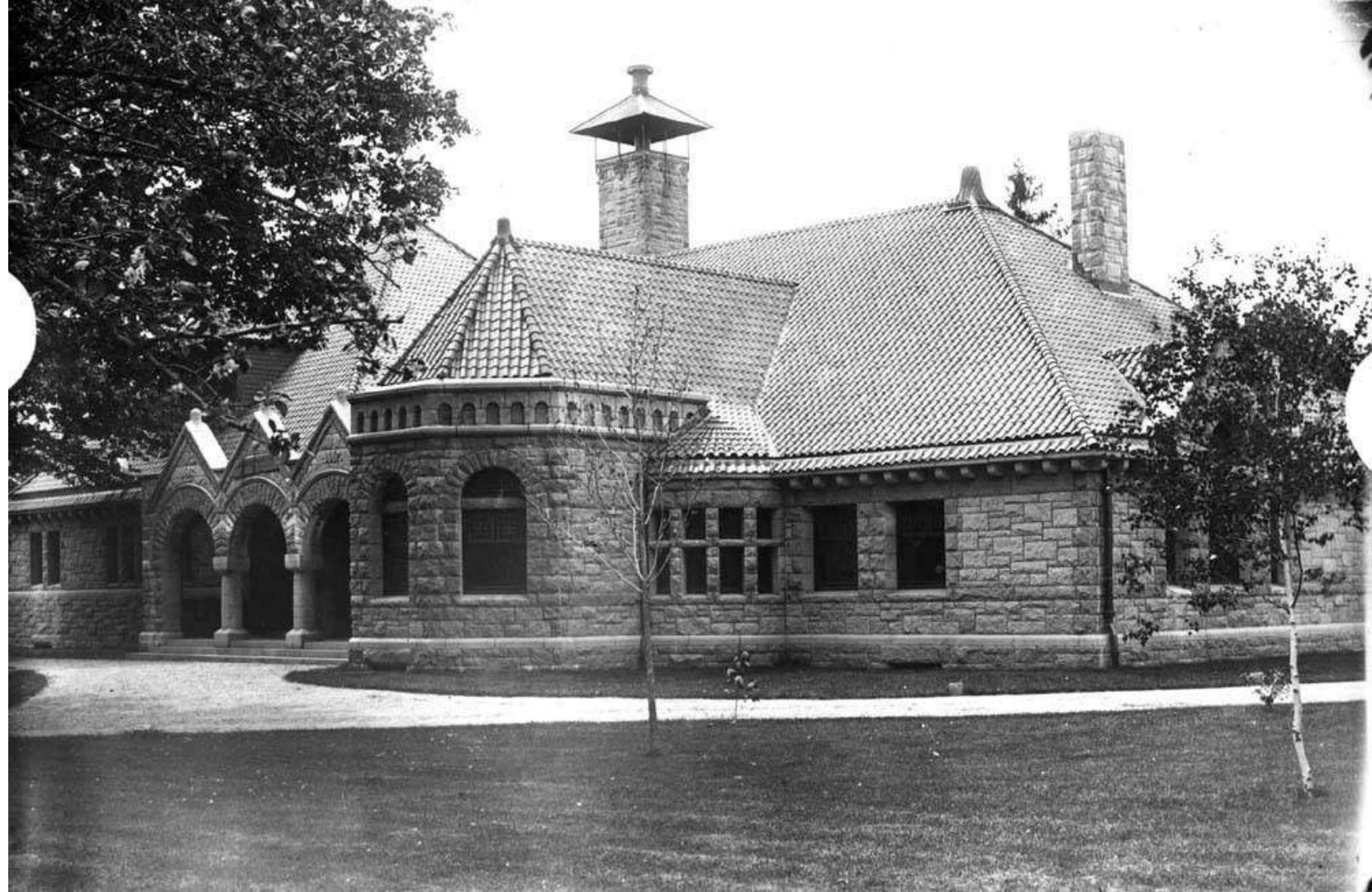
- Use the Photo Analysis Tool to guide you.
- Record your observations on the worksheet.
- Discuss your findings with your classmates.

Worksheets for Novice or Younger Students, or Those Learning English

https://www.archives.gov/files/education/lessons/worksheets/photo_analysis_worksheet_novice.pdf

Worksheets for Intermediate or Secondary Students

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List of photos

1. Pequot Library Exterior ca. 1894
2. Pequot Library Exterior ca. 2018
3. Pequot Library grounds ca. 1889
4. Pequot Library grounds ca. 2018
5. Pequot Library Reading Room ca. 1894
6. Pequot Library Reading Room ca. 2018
7. Pequot Library Stacks ca. 1898
8. Pequot Library Stacks ca. 2018
9. Stairs to Pequot Library Mezzanine ca. 1898
10. Stairs to Pequot Library Mezzanine ca. 2018



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