Comparison of Florida Homes Past and Present

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Grade Level: Secondary

Purpose: To provide students with an awareness of how people have adapted to the Florida climate through the architecture of their homes.

Materials: pictures of Florida homes -past and present (samples on the GAW website).

Objective: Through perceptive comparison students will use their experience to generalize about Florida homes.

Procedures:
1. Provide an opportunity for students to look at the pictures, especially the old homes.
2. Brainstorm observable differences in the older and newer types of home architecture.
3. Brainstorm differences that might not show in these pictures.
4. Discussion of why older homes used such things as large porches (screened); high ceilings; built off the ground; large windows; overhang on roof; placement of trees, etc.
5. Culminating activity: Discussion concerning why these “older” architectural styles are being used again now.