

# Park History

## Pullen Park and John Chavis Memorial Park



**Social Studies and Art Education K-12**

**City of Raleigh Amusements**

**Grade:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Learning Objective:** By the end of this lesson, students will learn the historical developments of local attractions by explaining ideas and events that took place.

**Help Links:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d1USm0iMPsZ8JT-plZaqdKIIBMVqw04T/view>

NC State Board of Education Standards:

Concept: History

**3.H.1 Understand how events, individuals and ideas have influenced the history of local and regional communities.**

3.H.1.1 Explain key historical events that occurred in the local community and regions over time.

3.H.1.2 Analyze the impact of contributions made by diverse historical figures in local communities and regions over time.

**Presentation:**

PowerPoint presentation of Pullen/John Chavis Memorial park history and will be used to help complete the activities.

**Activities:**

Create a historical timeline of Pullen/Chavis Park History using the facts given

Create a list: The Human vs. Physical characteristics of parks

Fill in the blank & Word Search of History, location and function of Pullen/Chavis Park

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### Example: Historical Timeline

Students will be given a list of facts and can be very creative with their timeline.



#### Creation of Pullen Park

- On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1887, Mr. Richard Stanhope Pullen acquired this land from Eason Lee farm with the intention of dividing the land between the City of Raleigh for a public park and the State of North Carolina for the campus of "College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts" later known as N.C State University.
- The park land was officially named "Pullen Park" as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887, making it the first public park in NC and the South, one of the oldest amusement parks in the country, and the 14<sup>th</sup> oldest park in the world.



#### The Zoo

- In 1889, Mr. Howell began the first steps in creating a zoo in the park. The first purchases of animals were raccoons, rabbits, guinea pigs, and a monkey. He faced many challenges in keeping the zoo animals healthy and safe.
- In 1928, Belle the lioness was presented by the John Robinson Circus. Like many of the exotic animals in the zoo, she only lived a few years in the park before passing away as well. Both Belle and Jim did bring in a massive number of crowds to the park; about 2000 every Sunday.



#### Andy and Opi Statue

- The statue was dedicated to Pullen Park on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003 from TV Land. As seen on the plaque: it depicts a quote from the famous Andy Griffith show "a simpler time a sweeter place" which is very fitting for a place like Pullen Park and goes back to Mr. Pullen's vision of what he wanted the park to be for guests who came to enjoy it.

### Example: The Human vs. Physical characteristics of parks

Students will come up with Human/ Physical characteristics of Pullen Park.

Human Characteristics	Physical Characteristics
Carousel	Trees
Train	Lake
Swings	Geese
Shelters	Fish

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**Example: Fill in the blank & Word Search of History, location and function of Pullen/Chavis Park**

**Students will answer questions about the history, location, and function of the parks. Their answers will be used to find in word search.**

### Q/A & WORD SEARCH- PULLEN / CHAVIS PARKS

1. Pullen Park is one of the oldest amusement parks in the \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Park is located down the street from Pullen park.
3. Pullen Park consist of four rides, \_\_\_\_\_, Kiddie \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Boats.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Park was established in 1887.
5. Mr. Howell began the first steps of creating \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
6. In the early 1940s, Chavis park featured a few attractions such as a \_\_\_\_\_ train and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Chavis Memorial Park was established in 1938.

*Answer Key: Country, Chavis, (Train, Boats, Carousel, and Pedal), Pullen, Zoo, (Kiddie, Airplane slide), John*

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