

Attachment A

HISTORY OF LOWELL
IMMIGRATION

--a brief description of each poster.....

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| <u>1. LOWELL INDIANS</u> | <u>2. THE ENGLISH SETTLERS</u> | <u>3. THE IRISH IMMIGRANTS</u> |
| <u>4. THE LOWELL MILL</u>
<u>GIRLS</u> | <u>5. WORLD MAP</u> | <u>6. IMMIGRATION TO LOWELL</u> |
| <u>7. WHY I CAME TO</u>
<u>TO LOWELL</u> | <u>8. LOWELL TODAY</u> | <u>9. INDIAN CHILDREN (POEM)</u> |

Poster #1: Lowell Indians - depicts the peaceful setting in the 1620's of the Lowell Indians. On the left side is Chief Passaconaway and his people settled with their wigwams on the banks of the Merrimack River - above the Pawtucket Falls. After his death, his son, Wannalancit, became chief and he chose to build one of his settlements on a hill with a fort around it for protection against enemy attacks. Today it is known as Fort Hill Park.

Poster #2: The English Settlers - In the 1640's, the English Settlers came to Lowell. They had to chop down trees to build their homes, grow their own crops and raise animals for food (sheep were raised for wool which was woven into cloth to make clothing). The early settlers were taught survival skills by the Indians and their work was very difficult.

Poster #3: The Irish Immigrants - In 1822, Irish laborers came to Lowell to deepen and make wider the Pawtucket Canal, dig more canals and start building the mills. The canals held water which was used for water power for the mills. The greatest influx of Irish immigrants to Lowell came between 1845-1850 as a result of a potato famine in Ireland.