

SECTION-TOPIC	URBAN EXPANSION 1950s-1970s – PBIA
SUNSHINE STATE STANDARD	<p><i>Standard 7: Understand the rise and continuing international influence of the United States as a world leader and the impact of contemporary social and political movements on American life.</i></p> <p><i>SS.912.A.7.17: Examine key events and key people in Florida history as they relate to United States history.</i></p>
VOCABULARY	Civilian, Terminal, Jet ways, Concourse, Deregulation
REQUIRED MATERIALS	1940s Morrison Field Picture, Palm Beach International Airport Picture, Picture Analysis Worksheet, Timeline Worksheet
DURATION	1 – 50 minute period

DO NOW OR PRE-READING –

- Teacher will project the **2 pictures** below on the board (Black and White picture is Morrison Field 1940s and the Color picture is Palm Beach international Airport today.)
- Students will spend about 5 minutes analyzing the pictures before completing the **Picture Analysis Worksheet (see attached)**



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LESSON –

- Teacher will make copies of the following reading, *Getting Around: PBIA*.
- Students will read the article quietly before completing the worksheet below.
- Students will need to use referencing and sequential knowledge to place the events from the reading onto the worksheet below.

Getting Around: PBIA¹

In 1951, during the Korean War, the Air Force reactivated Morrison Field, which had been a base during World War II, at Palm Beach International Airport (PBIA). Civilian operations and the passenger terminal were moved back to the south side of the field. Close to 23,000 airmen trained in West Palm Beach during the Korean conflict. After the war, the federal government attempted to make the airport a permanent military base, but in 1959 Palm Beach County took over operations; ownership of the 2,000-acre airport was official transferred in 1960.

The first permanent terminal, on Southern Boulevard, cost nearly \$125,000 to build in 1953, when only Eastern, National, and a few small airlines served West Palm Beach. But the county's needs quickly outgrew the building and were more evident during President John F. Kennedy's visits on Air Force One from 1960-1963. In 1965 a \$4 million bond issue funded construction of the maintenance terminal and surrounding facilities. Federal officials later built a new air traffic control tower.

The \$4 million, two-level main terminal with eight gates opened in 1966 in the northeast part of the airport near Australian Avenue and Belvedere Road. All boarding was done on rolling stairs. Passengers collected their bags in two covered areas adjacent to the terminal.

In 1974 Delta Air Lines constructed the airport's second main terminal, costing \$2 million and equipped with six gates, PBIA's first jet ways, and its own baggage claim and ticketing areas. Jet ways were installed on the upper level of the main terminal soon after.

Several airlines added regular service to West Palm Beach in 1978, due to deregulation of the airline industry. Eastern, National, and United shared their gates and ticket counters with them, and United Airlines added a concourse shortly thereafter.

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION -

- Teacher will make copies of the **Timeline Worksheet (see attached)**.
- Following completion of the *Getting Around: PBIA* reading the students will take the remainder of class to complete the worksheet.
- Students will use dates and information from the reading to complete the work.
- At the end of the period students will turn in the **Picture Analysis Worksheet** and the **Timeline Worksheet**.
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¹ "The History of Palm Beach International Airport" (Palm Beach International Airport, 2008), at <http://www.pbia.org/airport/History.aspx>; "Palm Beach International Airport 1966-1988: The story of PBI's beautiful old terminal building," at <http://www.geocities.com/golldiecat/pbi.html>.

PICTURE ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

Directions: Analyze the picture provided and fill in the chart below.

	Morrison Field	Palm Beach International Airport
What was the 1 st thing you saw?		
What does the Airport consist of?		
What does the surrounding area consist of?		

How has the Airport changed over the past 60 years?

How has the surrounding area changed over the past 60 years?

TIMELINE WORKSHEET

Directions: Use the dates and information from the *Getting Around: PBIA* reading to complete the timeline.

