The Life and Legacy of William “Billy” Walker Jr.

Unforgotten African American Jockey of the Kentucky Derby

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| **Summary** |
| This module is to help young learners grasp and understand the importance and impact that African Americans had on horseracing and the impact it holds today. |

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| **Grade Levels, Subjects, Standards** |
| 4-5  Social Studies, Reading/Language Arts  Kentucky Academic Standards Reading and Writing RL.4.1, RL.5.5, L.4.2a-d, L.5.2a-e  Kentucky Academic Standards Social Studies 4.H.CH.2, 5.H.CH.2 |

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| **Time Requirements** |
| 1-2 weeks, 40-50 minutes per class period |

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| **Chronicle Theme and Resources** |
| Legacy Lives On  William Walker person profile and related research, Kentucky Derby event |

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| **Goals** |
| 1. Students will be able to understand the different roles that African Americans played in the shape of this country. 2. Students will be able to understand how horseracing became the staple of Kentucky because of the African American jockeys. 3. Students will be able to identify other prominent African Americans that changed and contributed to the state of Kentucky and the world. |

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| **Guiding Question and Key Concepts** |
| In what way did William Walker contribute to the history of the Kentucky Derby and what impacts did he make on the horseracing industry? |

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| **Vocabulary** |
| Credibility  Fact  Jockey  Legacy  Opinion  Research  Speech |