Boosting Chicago: bird's-eye views as maps of progress

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Abstract
Boosting Chicago explores the nature of bird's-eye views, the public face of Chicago views depicted between 1857 and 1916, and offers ideas on using these unique documents in the classroom. Bird's-eye views were popular lithographs of urban communities in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Subjective and incomplete documents, they were artifacts of civic pride. Though little studied by scholars or used by teachers, they offer unique windows into the perceptions of residents regarding their community. Boosting Chicago suggests that views of this city consistently pictured it as a bustling, growing metropolis that acted as a hub and tied its destiny to the developing West. The article also notes that views are valuable classroom resources that bring students to the street level of learning. They can see an entire community at a specific time or walk the streets to look at specific features.

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Definition of a bird's-eye view in the Idioms Dictionary. a bird's-eye view phrase. What does a bird's-eye view expression mean? Definitions by the largest Idiom Dictionary. Boosting Chicago: bird's-eye views as maps of progress. The system, using four highly sensitive, high-resolution, super-wide angle radio cameras mounted on a vehicle's front, sides and rear, synthesizes a bird's-eye view of the vehicle and its surrounding environment, Sanyo said in its release. Sanyo Electric develops all-around view monitor for large vehicles. Birds eye view idiom meaning. Learn this English idiom along with other words and phrases at Writing Explained. What is a birds or eagle eye view? Others had a bird's eye view of the initial aftermath and watched travelers flood onto the tarmac as their plane ascended into the sky. –WLWT Cincinnati. A bird's-eye view of the 246-meter tall elevator test tower. –Daily Mail. Summary. The popular phrase a bird's-eye view refers to a perspective as seen from above, or at least far away, from the minor details. It can be used both literally and figuratively. Contents. 1 A Bird's-Eye View Meaning. 2 Origin of A Bird's-Eye View. 3 Examples of A Bird's-Eye View. 4 More Examples. 5 Summary. You've seen city maps, but what about city maps that show where each gang has its headquarters? Or a map of the globe without water? Here are a few of our favorite randomly bizarre maps. London Tube Map London Map London Places London Travel London Poster London Underground Things To Do In London Map Design Big Ben. London Underground Map: What To See At Each Stop. Bird's-Eye View Maps of Victorian London. In 1880 Herbert Fry published London a handbook for Victorian visitors. The popular book ran to many editions. The bird's-eye views were apt metaphors for a company ad that pictured progress. Views were popular items between the mid-1800s and early 1900s, a time of rapid growth and development in the United States. Providing an aesthetically pleasing and positive picture of a city, views adorned walls of government and business offices as well as homes. They were drawn by artists, often itinerants, and printed as commercial lithographs. First, it explores the nature of bird's-eye views as visual imagery. Second, it examines views of Chicago between 1857 and 1916 to gauge how the city was depicted during a pivotal time in its history, when it developed into a large metropolis. This depiction remained fairly consistent and indicates how some Chicagoans pictured their city and its future.