**Ridgewood/Lower Maple Walking Tour**

**Suggested Questions/Discussion Points for Teachers**

**Church of the Unity**

* Do you think State Street would look better or worse if the church were still here
* Do you think the parking lot serves more people than the church did?
* Why do you think the church was demolished?

**Classical Condos**

* Can you tell which parts were built in 1898 and which were built in 1922?
* (There is a line demarcating the two areas that can be seen up close)
* Do you think the architects made a good decision to make the 1920 addition look like it had always been there?
* Do you think making the old high school into condos (living units) was a good use of the building? What else could have happened to it?
* What do you think it would be like to live in an old school?

**Dickinson-Streeter and adjacent lot**

* Do you notice the empty lot next to the funeral home?
* What do you think might have been there at one time?

**Mulberry House**

* Do you think the Mulberry House fits in with the older buildings around it?
* Do you think it has been well-maintained, in keeping with its original details?
* Is this building “old fashioned”?

**Union Street Apartment Buildings**

* How many families do you think lived in these apartment buildings in the past?
* How about now?
* If numbers are different, why?
* Why do the fronts of the buildings look different from the sides?

**Spanish Revival on Union**

* Why do you think the front door is not original?
* Where is the original door now?
* Why do you think the terra cotta roofing tiles were replaced with asphalt shingles?

**Gargoyles**

In [architecture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architecture), a gargoyle is a carved or formed [grotesque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grotesque#In_architecture)with a spout designed to convey water from a roof and away from the side of a building, thereby preventing rainwater from running down [masonry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonry) walls and eroding the [mortar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mortar_(masonry)) between. These may be the only gargoyles in Springfield.

**Queen Annes on Union Street**

* Can you imagine these two houses when they were originally built looking very similar?
* Why were such different choices made over the years?
* Which do you prefer and why?

**Greek Revival at Union/Maple**

* How much money do you think the renovation of this building cost?

**Female Seminary**

* Why do you think it’s taking so long to finish this work? (Answer – no funds)

**Maple Row Houses**

* Which one looks the best to you?

**Wrap up**

* What have you learned on this tour?
* Are you seeing buildings differently now?
* Do you have a favorite architectural style?