

English Language Arts Lesson for *10 Park that Changed America* – Create a
Preservation Campaign Through Writing
Planning Worksheet

Name_____

Date_____

Directions: With your group, answer the following questions about your preservation campaign.

1) What is the name of the park or playground or open space that you want to preserve?_____

2) Describe the nature of the threat that is facing this place._____

3) Why is it important to (your community)_____ that this park or open space is preserved? What does this place mean to the people in your community?_____

4) Which forms of persuasive writing will your group employ to try to preserve this park or open space? Check all that apply.

___letter to the editor, local newspaper

___letter to the editor, school newspaper

___op-ed essay, local newspaper

___op-ed essay, school newspaper

___editorial, school newspaper (if any students are on the newspaper's editorial board)

___petition

___flyer

___letters to local elected representatives, e.g., city council, state legislators, congressional representatives

___letters to local business leaders

___letters to local arts leaders

___other (specify)_____

5) Assign one writing piece to each student in your group. (The ones you checked in question #4.) Next to each writing piece listed above, write the initials of the student who will be responsible for it.