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Presentations showcase diverse cultures

The human relations commission of Greeley, Colorado (77,000), organized an “I Am American” series of presentations to educate the city’s residents about the diverse cultures of their neighbors. Each monthly session was hosted by representatives of one of the city’s larger ethnic groups, including Native American, Latino, German, French, Swedish, and African American groups. During the sessions, group members described various aspects of their cultures, traditions, and histories and shared their music. To avoid debates, the organizers decided not to allow discussion, although each session allowed time for questions. The programs were held at the city’s performing arts center and attracted up to 150 citizens. Videotapes of the programs were aired on the city’s cable television station and copies were distributed to local libraries and schools. Programs were advertised through the schools and local media as well as in mailings.

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Greeley Human Relations Commission
“I Am American” Community Educational Series

Following is a summary of programs sponsored by the Greeley Human Relations Commission between September, 2002 and August, 2003. Programs were designed to promote cultural awareness and acknowledgment of the rich texture of the Greeley community. Videotapes of the programs were mailed to the libraries of all Greeley schools. We invite you to use this resource in your own creative applications to teach the unique history of our area.

- September, 2002 - In the Beginning. . .Native Americans
Presentation - John Emhoola, Kiowa Tribal Elder
Drum, Dance and Flute Demonstrations
- November, 2002 - The Early Years. . . Formation of the Union Colony
History of Greeley - 1870 to 1910
Swedish and Scandinavian Immigrants
The Germans from Russia
- January, 2003 - One Nation Indivisible
Water and Business Activities
Historical Landmarks
Japanese Community
Dearfield, Colorado
- March, 2003 - One Nation Indivisible. . . The Continuation
History of the Mexicanos
Background on Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
Teatro Performers
Joe P. Martinez, World War II Hero
- June, 2003 - One National Indivisible. . . The Continuation
The Struggles and Progress of Latinos in Weld County
- August, 2003 - Celebrating our Cultures, Embracing our Future
“It’s in Every One of Us” Video
Bridging the Gap
Celebrating our Cultures, Embracing our Future - narrative and performances