Lance G. Newman II, one of the 2892 Louisville storytellers, shares his experiences of his daily route through his community and offers insight into the history, culture, and politics connected to the environment around him. When geographers want to better understand a community or landscape they use a process called Geo-Inquiry, which helps them explore questions like: Where is it? Why is it there? and, Why should we care? Using these questions and Lance’s journey as inspiration, consider how your own daily route might offer insights and perspectives about your community’s history and culture that you may not have considered before.

Sketch your daily route.

Think like a geographer...

1. Why do you think your route follows the path it does?
2. What do you notice around you? What stands out?
3. Why are these places or landmarks where they are?
4. Why does it matter where these places or landmarks are?
5. How might your route and what you notice differ from others in your community?
6. Why do our daily experiences of the place where we live matter?