

# THE WEIGHT OF NAMES

Lance G. Newman II, one of the 2892 Louisville storytellers, discusses how street names may illustrate important history, what a community values or devalues, and how a community changes over time—for better or worse. He says the street names "carry weight, each one with its own baggage." Choose a street in your community and research how the street got its name. Let the questions below guide your research and your reflection on the "baggage" street names may carry in your community.

What street name will you choose, & why?

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Investigate the street name.

1. How did the street get its name?
2. How is the name significant to your community?
3. How does the name of this street relate to where it's placed?
4. How has the street and its name changed over time?
5. How does the context of your community influence how streets are named?
6. What would you rename this street if you could, and why?