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Uncovered in the Archives “The Colored Citizen”- 4th – 8th grade

Host Brad Pomerance travels to various institutions throughout the Inland Empire to unravel some of the region's most extraordinary historical events - known and unknown, remembered and forgotten - all told through the hidden treasures that we uncover in the archives.

Follow the life of Israel Beal. Born a slave, he was freed by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and traveled across the U.S. to eventually settle in Redlands.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

Question Box 1

- What was *The Colored Citizen*? Why was it important in this episode?
- When did the first African-Americans come to the Inland Empire?
- Who was Israel Beal?
- What was life like for African Americans living in the Inland Empire during the early 20th century? Include at least three details from the episode to support your answer.
- Who were the first African American migrants to California? Why did they come to California?
- How is the Beal family linked with the first African Americans in the western Inland Empire?
- Describe at least two of the primary sources reviewed in the episode. How are they used to tell the Beal family story?
- What did the descendants of Charles Beal learn about this impressive family tree?
- What are Don Singer's credentials and how is he qualified to provide information on the Beal family?

Question Box 2

- What about the show stood out to you?
- What did you find most interesting and why?
- Think about Charles Arthur Beal as the first African American graduate of Redlands High School. How do you think he felt on his graduation day?
- How much did you know about the subject before we started?

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- How do you feel about this episode? Why?
- What parts of it do you particularly like? Dislike? Why?
- What did this episode make you think about that you did not think about previously?

Box 3 (Tasks)

- Create a virtual Field Trip on Google Earth that shows the various locations in Redlands that the host visited. Where are there similar locations in your community?
- Do some research on Israel Beal. In what ways was he a pioneer to the Redlands community? What qualities do you think he had that helped make him successful?
- Charles Arthur Beal was the first African-American to graduate from Redlands High School. Do some research on your school, what are some of its interesting facts?
- Chronicle the life of Israel Beal, a man born into slavery in the South, who eventually settles in Redlands, CA.

Box 4 (Enrichment)

- Trace the history of your family coming to the community you live in now. When did they come here? Why did they come here? Do you want to stay in your community or leave? Why?
- Who were the founding families in your community?
- Create a brochure about your community.

Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)

- What is one unsolved mystery or historical event that you find interesting?
- Explain why you find the event interesting.
- Imagine you have the opportunity to investigate the unsolved mystery or historical event that you are interested in. Write a plan to investigate the event further.
 - What questions do you want to answer or details do you want to learn?
 - Who would you talk to?
 - Where would you conduct research?
 - List the topics, people, dates, locations that you would research.
 - What city, state, or national government offices would you have to contact?
- Do you think your plan will work? Would you learn the answers to your questions or details to the events? Why or why not?
- List careers that would require this type of investigative skills used to write your plan.
- Would you ever consider one of the careers you listed? Why or why not?
- Social-Emotional Connection: Israel Beal succeeded in life despite the adversity he encountered. He demonstrated great resiliency. Write in your journal about a time you had to face obstacles and you worked through them for success. What things did you have to do? What are some positive messages you could tell yourself when you are dealing with difficult situations?