

Why are the sidewalks so high?

Pre-visit Discussion

Ask your students; why are sidewalks important? Do sidewalks provide a safe place to go for a walk? Do sidewalks keep your feet from getting muddy when it is raining? Do you ever use the sidewalk as a place to ride your bike, or play hopscotch, or draw with sidewalk chalk?

When the Silver City Museum was built, women wore long skirts that went to the ground. Do you think the women that wore long skirts would have preferred a sidewalk to walking in the dirt?

When the Silver City Museum was built, horses and burros were used for transportation and the streets were dirt. Do you think the horses and burros would have done anything to make the streets messy? Would you want to walk in messy streets?

Post-visit Discussion

We are so glad you saw *The Big Flood* exhibit! Now that you have seen the exhibit, why do you think the sidewalks are so high in this picture?



Yankie Street looking east

Can you think of a place where it would be good to build a sidewalk?
Draw the sidewalk you would build!