English Language Arts Lesson for *10 Park that Changed America* – Create a Preservation Campaign Through Writing
Planning Worksheet

Name_____________________________ Date______________

**Directions:** With your group, answer the following questions about your preservation campaign.

1) What is the name of the park or playground or open space that you want to preserve? ____________________________________________

2) Describe the nature of the threat that is facing this place. ____________________________________________

3) Why is it important to (your community)____________________ that this park or open space is preserved? What does this place mean to the people in your community? ____________________________________________

4) Which forms of persuasive writing will your group employ to try to preserve this park or open space? Check all that apply.

   _____letter to the editor, local newspaper
   _____letter to the editor, school newspaper
   _____op-ed essay, local newspaper
   _____op-ed essay, school newspaper
   _____editorial, school newspaper (if any students are on the newspaper’s editorial board)
   _____petition
   _____flyer
   _____letters to local elected representatives, e.g., city council, state legislators, congressional representatives
   _____letters to local business leaders
   _____letters to local arts leaders
   _____other (specify)__________________________

5) Assign one writing piece to each student in your group. (The ones you checked in question #4.) Next to each writing piece listed above, write the initials of the student who will be responsible for it.