

## Faculti Summary

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During the Progressive Era, a playground movement led to the construction of parks and playgrounds across the United States, with advocates highlighting organized play as a solution to juvenile delinquency and promoting green spaces for urban improvement. In the San Francisco Bay Area, cities formed playground commissions and initiated projects to enhance public spaces. However, the small but active black middle class was initially excluded from these spaces, but they fought for access and invested in their own community resources, particularly as World War I began. Over time, the focus of recreational discussions evolved from preventing delinquency to embracing cultural pluralism, allowing black Americans greater opportunities to claim their full citizenship.