



WE'RE GOING TO A CEMETERY?!

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT TO
THE GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY

HELLO!



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE COMING

Agenda

1. Feelings Check-In
2. So What is Green-Wood?
3. Green-Wood History
4. Green-Wood Today
5. You Can/Please Don't
6. Feelings Check-In



Pair and Share:

- What do you know about cemeteries and why people visit them?
- How are you feeling about visiting Green-Wood?

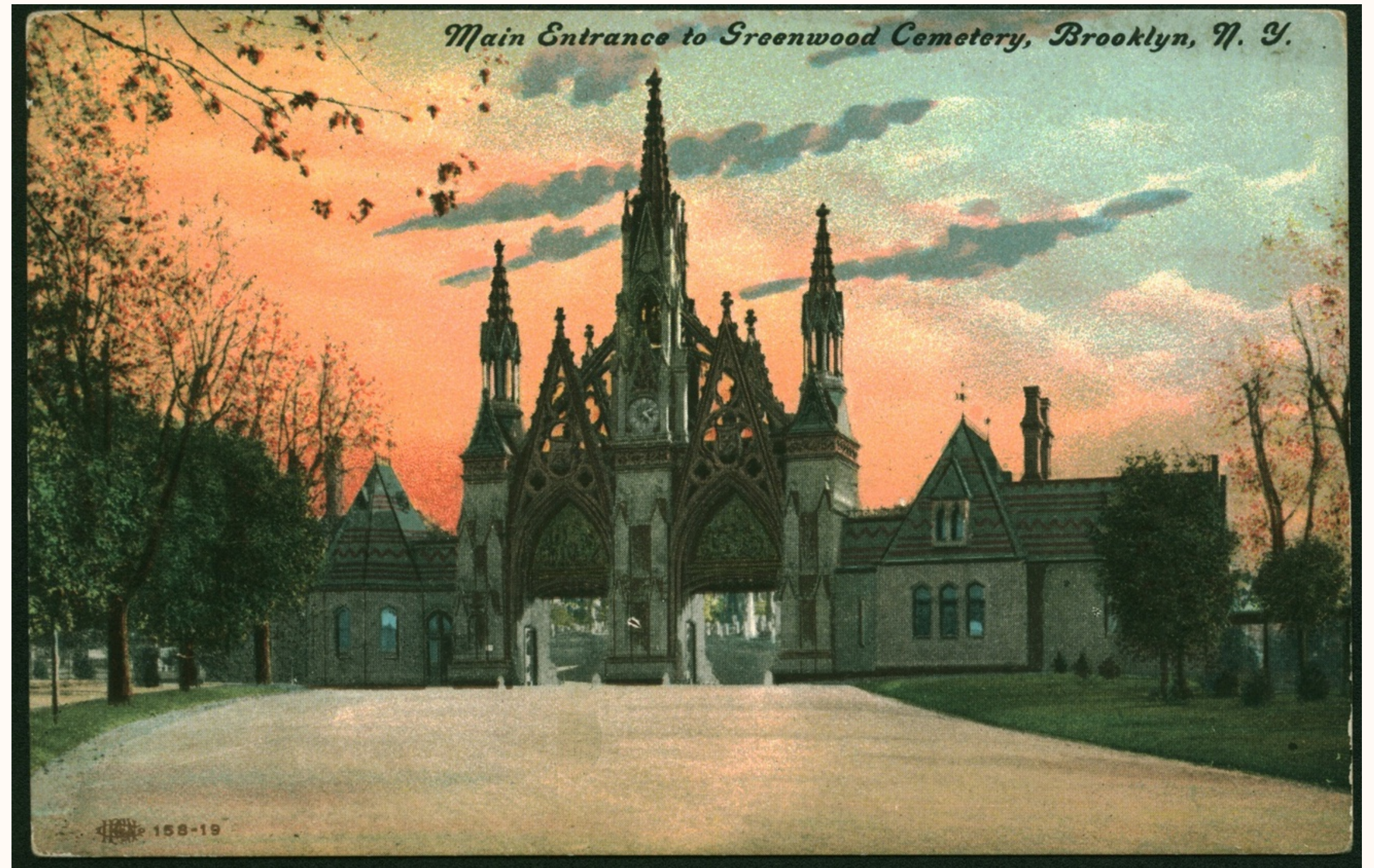


So What Is Green-Wood?

Green-Wood is a working cemetery.

It's also an:

- **Arboretum (tree garden)**
- **National Historic Landmark**
- **Public art space**



Here's where it is:



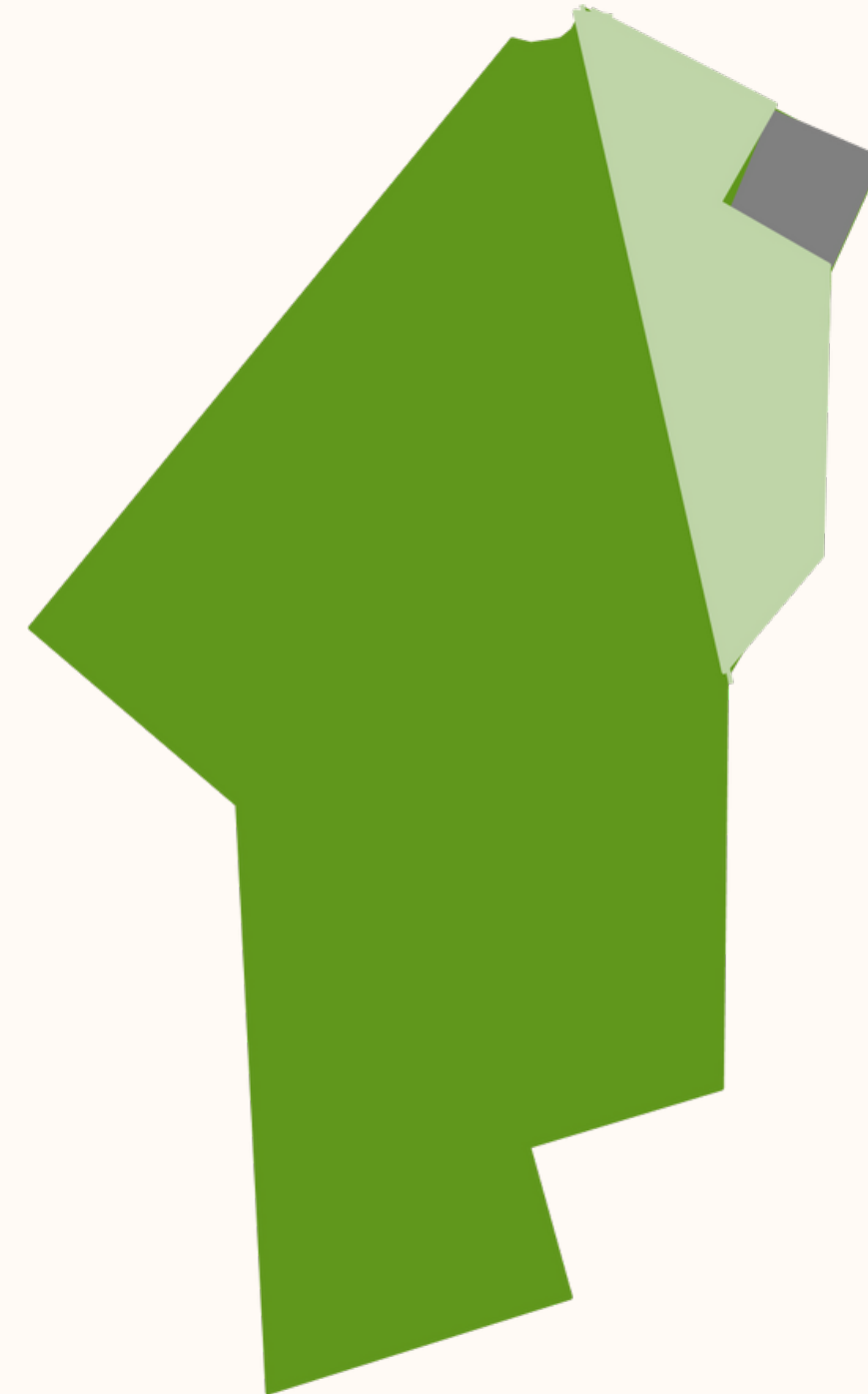
It's big.



Sunset Park
24.5 acres



Green-Wood
478 acres



Prospect Park
526 acres

Brooklyn
Botanic
Gardens
52 acres

Green-Wood History

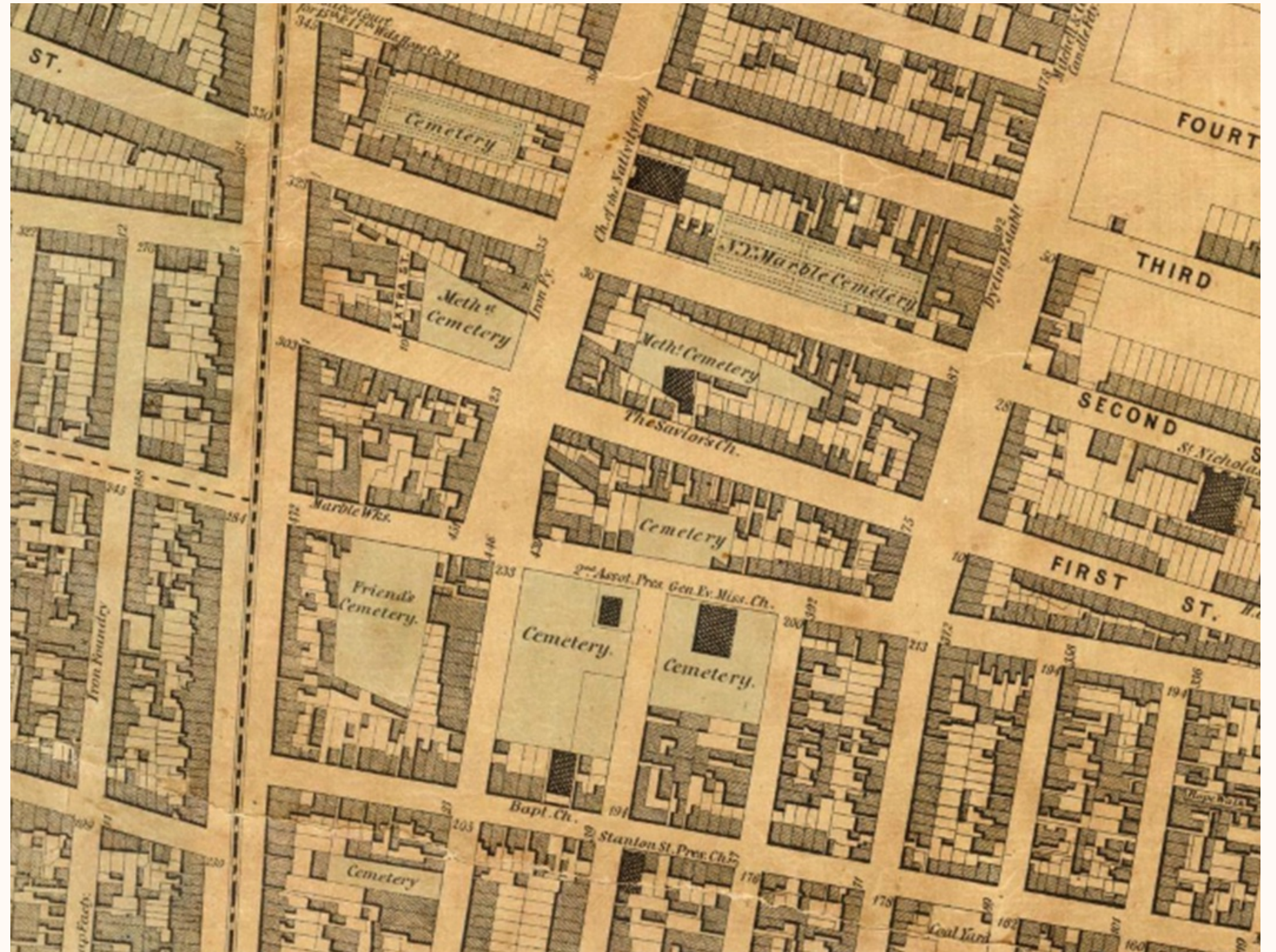
It's old.

- It opened in 1838.
- It is a garden-like "rural cemetery".
- It is on hilly land that was bad for farming, but had beautiful views.
- The landscape was formed by a glacier 18,000 years ago.



New York City Needed Green-Wood

- Population growth
- Disease epidemics
- Not enough space to bury people in Manhattan.



New York City Needed Green-Wood

- There were no big public parks yet, no easy access to nature and fresh air



Green-Wood Began as a Tourist Site

- By the 1860s, hundreds of thousands of people visited Green-Wood for fun.
- Green-Wood's success inspired the creation of Central Park (1858) and Prospect Park (1868)



Green-Wood Today

What are people doing in these pictures? Do you think it's ok to do these things at Green-Wood today?



These are ALL ok things to do at Green-Wood!



You Can / Please Don't

Green-Wood's Guidelines

Gravesites

You can:

- Walk and sit on the grass.
- Look closely at monuments



Please don't:

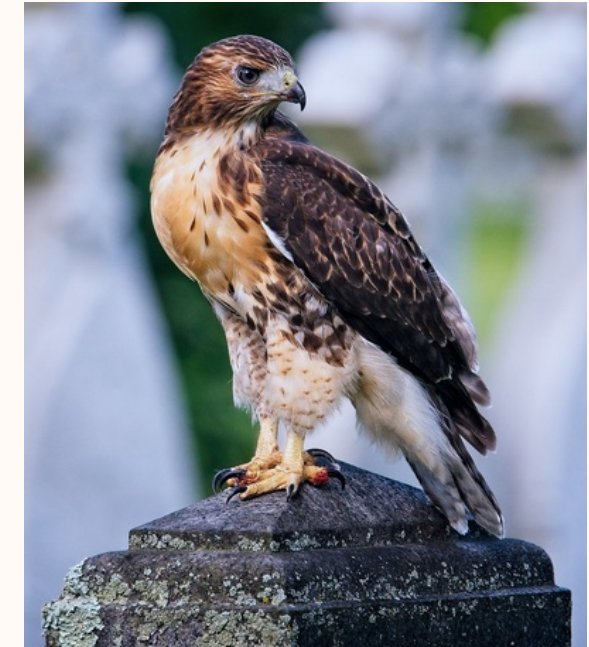
- Touch, lean on or sit on monuments.
- Do grave rubbings.
- Take things left at graves.
- Lie down on the grass.



Wildlife and Nature

You can:

- Gently touch plants and trees with permission.
- Collect things on the ground (nothing still growing) with permission.
- Look at animals and take pictures from a safe distance.
- Sit near ponds.



Please don't:

- Eat anything growing at Green-Wood.
- Touch, feed, or go near wildlife.
- Climb on, pick, scratch, pull, or break trees or plants
- Touch water in the ponds.



A few more things

- Wear closed-toe shoes, dress for the weather.
- Always walk, never run, and keep to the side of the road.
- Stay with your group.
- Keep cell phones, headphones and food in your bag.
- Use a quiet voice.



But what about...

Funerals?

- You may see cars driving to a funeral, but you won't go to one.

Bathrooms?

- near all entrances
- ask your educator to show you which you can use.

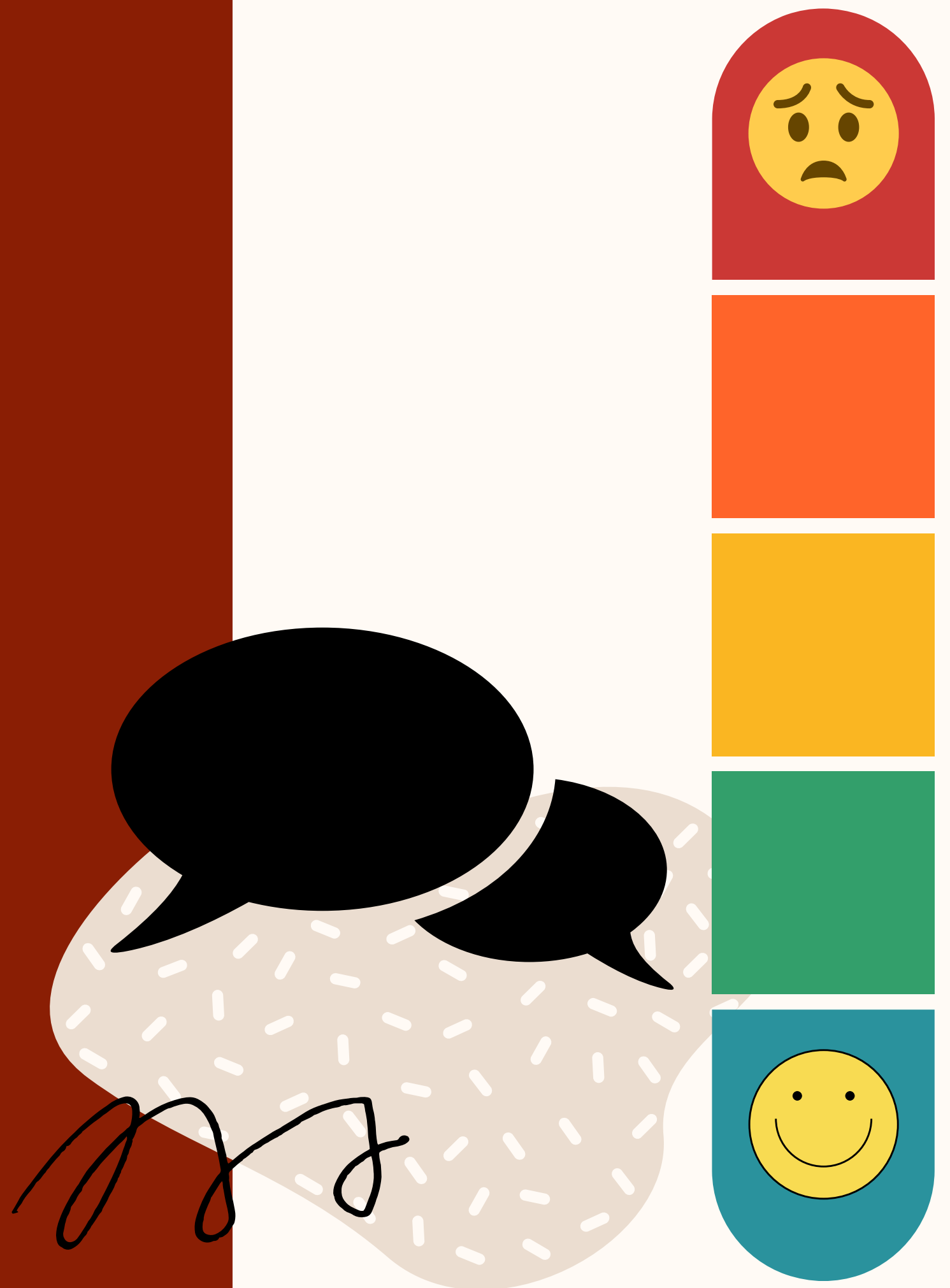
Ghosts?

- No one interred at Green-Wood can come back to life or hurt you.



*Now how are you
feeling about visiting
Green-Wood?*

ALL FEELINGS ARE OK!



**Thank
you!**

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