

## **Defining the History of the Pinellas Peninsula**

### **Major Epochs of the County's History**

These are the two big categories of the county's history. Within each are multiple smaller categories. These are presented in the accompanying "Chronological Mileposts"

- Prehistory through 1842
  - indigenous cultures
  - sparse settlement during colonial era
- From 1842 to the present
  - increasingly complex society

### **Topics of Peninsula History to Explore**

- Coastal Living
  - Fishing (subsistence, commercial, sport)
  - Shipping
  - Sponging
  - "The Beach"
- Tourism
  - "The Beach" (hotels, resorts, "beach living")
  - Seasonal Residents (hotels, tin can tourist establishments, motor courts, state societies)
  - Attractions (roadside attractions, spring training)
  - Transportation (significance of infrastructure to tourism at a given time; railroads, bridges, etc.)
- Enterprise
  - Agriculture (primarily Citrus and Cattle/Livestock; also includes subsistence, truck farming, turpentine)
  - Real Estate
  - Retail Business/Small Business/Cottage Industries
  - Corporations
  - Transportation (and importance of infrastructure)
- Community Life
  - Religion
  - Education
  - Social Activities
- War

- Seminole Wars (homefront environment, demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)
- Civil War (homefront environment, demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)
- Spanish-American War (homefront env., demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)
- World War I (homefront environment, demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)
- World War II (homefront environment, demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)
- “The Cold War” (homefront environment, demographics, impact and consequences, sacrifices)