

"400 Years of Exploration and Adventure"

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LESSON PLAN #1

Time: Two days

Grade: 5th

Lesson Objectives:

- Students will learn about Henry Hudson and his discovery of the Hudson River.
- Students will learn about the different celebrations and Newburgh's role in 1609, 1909 and 2009.
- Students will learn about the lifestyles during the each of the three era's celebrations.
- Students will go to Washington's Headquarters to review the American Revolution and learn about how the headquarters was used during the different celebrations.

Standards:

- Standard 2: Students will comprehend and show their knowledge of the various lifestyles during the time period of the celebrations.
- History of New York State- Students will learn about the history of New York.

Learning Styles:

- **Visual:** Students will see the reenactments of Henry Hudson.
- **Verbal:** Students will reenact, but also explain the different lifestyles during their time period.
- **Interpersonal:** Students will work in groups to reenact the scene and come up with ideas on what life was like during the different time periods.

Multicultural Component:

- Students will learn about the various lifestyles and cultures of the Hudson River Valley.

Materials:

- Worksheet on different celebrations and time periods
- Pencil
- Paper/Poster Board
- Costumes
- Crayons/Markers



LESSON PLAN #1

Procedure:

Day 1

- Students will travel to Washington's Headquarters and take a tour of the building and grounds.
- Students will receive a worksheet explaining the different time periods and celebrations.

Day 2

- Students will be split into three groups; 1609, 1909, and 2009, and will come up with a skit taking place during their assigned time period.
- Each group will get together and review the information they learned the previous day.
- Students will prepare a poster board that contains the lifestyle during the time period; clothing, jobs, money, necessities.
- Students will come up with a skit on what it would be like if Henry Hudson founded the Hudson River during all time periods.
- Each group of students will present their poster and their skit.

Summary:

Students will go to Washington's Headquarters and review their knowledge of the American Revolution and learn how the building was used during the celebrations. They will then take their knowledge back the classroom and learn about the lifestyles, and celebrations of each time period. They will work in groups to create a poster board and reenactment of Henry Hudson finding the Hudson River, during their specific time period. Each group will then present to the rest of the class.

Extension:

For homework students will complete a worksheet and reflect on their group work and their presentation.

LESSON PLAN #2

Time: Two hour river cruise.

Grade: 4th

Objectives:

- Students will create artwork from the landscape the Hudson River Painters worked from more than a century ago.
- Students will have an opportunity to paint the Hudson River Valley as they see it.
- Students will gain a better understanding of Newburgh's historical sites as seen from the river.
- Students will use this experience to learn about the Hudson River's natural and cultural wonders.
- Students will gain a better understanding of the technology used during the celebration of 1909.

Standards:

- History of New York State- The students will learn about the History of NY State and the Hudson River School Painters as well as.

Materials:

- Water color paints and brushes
- Paper
- Cups with water
- Worksheet

Motivation:

Students will be motivated to engage in a boat cruise as they pass historical sites of Newburgh. They will be educated on all sites along with a painting activity. Students will also be motivated by engaging in groups to compare and contrast the celebration of 1909 to the celebration in 2009.



LESSON PLAN #2

Procedure:

- The class will go on a field trip to Hudson River Adventures (26 Front Street, Newburgh, NY).
- Upon arrival students will board the “Pride of the Hudson” boat.
- Students will be educated by the tour guide for the first hour as they pass different historic sites. (Newburgh Beacon Bridge, Washington’s Headquarters, Bannerman Island, Breakneck Mt., and West Point North Dock).
- While looking at the landscape students will receive a detailed history from the tour guide.
- Students will select their favorite site at the conclusion of the tour.
- Students will paint the site they have selected on the one hour return trip to the dock.
- Students’ art work will be judged by fellow students and the best picture will be selected by vote. (Students cannot vote for themselves)
- The student with the best art award will be allowed “to steer” the ship with the captain’s hands still on the wheel for five minutes.

Summary:

This lesson will take all day. The educational tours will last one hour which will be followed by a return trip with the students working on their art for another hour. The students will be able to learn about the history of Newburgh while having fun on the boat as they paint. This activity is geared towards the naturalistic learner, the classroom learner, and the bodily-kinesthetic learner.

Closure:

For homework the students will complete a one page paper on the historic site of Newburgh that they decided to paint. They will describe its importance, why they decided to paint the site. Each student should also describe his or her experience on the river cruise.

GUIDEBOOK & ITINERARY

Day One!

STOP 1: Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site The first stop is to Washington's Headquarters located on the corner of Liberty and Washington Street. It is the nation's first publicly owned historic site. While Washington stayed, he made some of his most important contributions such as, rejecting the idea of king after the war, preventing military control, and circulating a letter to the state government which influenced the writing of the constitution. During the 1909 celebration of Henry Hudson, cannons were fired at the headquarters.



84 Liberty Street
P.O. Box 1783
Newburgh, NY 12551-1476
(845) 562-1195



Hours: April-October: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday (10am-5pm) Sunday (1-5pm) Closed Tuesday.

Historical Description: George Washington made some of his most important decisions while staying in Newburgh. He stayed in a home originally owned by Jonathan and Tryntje Hasbrouck and remained there for a year until April 19, 1783 when the United States was declared victorious. This is also the site that Washington decided that he would not become king of the nation and prevented the plan for military control of the government known as the Newburgh conspiracy. The Badge of Military Merit, precursor to the Purple Heart, was created here by Washington as well.

The Site: Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site is the first publicly operated historic site in the country. It is located in the East End Historic District of Newburgh. Some of its main features include firearms, furnishings of the time period, military artifacts, documents, and portraits of George Washington and his wife, Martha. The site also includes an exhibit that portrays American defenses used against the British in the Hudson Highlands.

Directions: From NYS Thruway take Exit 17 and follow Route 17K east (Broadway) for 2 3/4 miles. Make a right on Liberty Street and take a left onto LaFayette Street. The house is across from the museum.

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STOP 2: Newburgh Monument Tour The tour was designed by Mary McTamaney, the city historian, in 2003 and consists of eleven monuments and statues. The trail is five miles long.



Third St. & Carpenter Ave
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 565-5559



Historical Description: The tour of Newburgh's monuments depicts important events of New York's past .

The Site: The first monument on the tour is the Volunteer Firemen's Monument, modeled after a local ice-cream merchant and his daughter. The second is the Veterans Memorial located on Third and Carpenter. It was created in 1961 to replace the WWII Roll of Honor, which was destroyed by a truck. The third stop is the Civil War Memorial, which was dedicated on Memorial Day 1924. Newburgh's Civil War veterans came to the unveiling of the monument. Next, is the George Clinton Monument, built to honor the state's first governor. Fifth on the tour is the "Minuteman" which was dedicated on Veteran's Day, 1924. The sixth stop is the Grave of Uzal Knapp, the last surviving Orange County Revolutionary soldier. The next stop is the Tower of Victory, built in 1887 for the centennial of the end of the Revolution. Then, the tour goes to the Orange County Veterans Memorial. The ninth stop is the Robinson Mausoleum in Old Town Cemetery. A sculpture of Dante Aligheri is the next stop on the tour, unveiled on the 600th anniversary of Dante's death. The final stop is the Columbus statue, dedicated in 1992 for the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

Directions: Start out going NORTH on LIBERTY ST toward WASHINGTON ST. Turn LEFT onto BROADWAY/ NY-17K. Turn RIGHT onto CARPENTER AVE. End at 3rd St & Carpenter Ave Newburgh, NY 12550.

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Day Two!

STOP 3: Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum is the world's largest private collection of original manuscripts and documents. The archives include literature, science, religion, art and history. It was founded in 1983 by David and Marsha Karpeles with the intent to stimulate the learning of children. There are nine Karpele Museums and items are rotated quarterly between museums.



94 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550-1476
(845) 569-4997



Hours: Monday – Saturday: 10am - 4pm, Sunday: 12pm - 4pm

Historical Description: David Karpeles, a former math professor, became interested in manuscripts when he visited the Huntington Museum in Santa Barbara, California in 1970. His children were also captivated, not by the artwork, but by seeing signatures like George Washington's. Karpeles decided to start collecting documents and in 1978 bought a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Lincoln for \$40,000. Soon Karpeles had accumulated more than 1 million documents. The first Karpeles Museum opened in California in 1983. They are the world's largest private collection of original manuscripts and documents.

The Site: The Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum is located in the old Newburgh Savings Bank. The library houses the original Florence Nightingale receipt for the establishment of female nurses in hospitals, Benjamin Franklin's certificate of the first hospital in America, and Dorothy Dix's description of insanity. Exhibits display up to 26 documents at a time. Exhibits include History of Flight, Atomic Energy, Great Women in History and Children's Literature.

Directions: Start out going East on Washington Street toward Robinson Ave, turn left onto South Robinson Ave, and then turn right onto Broadway.

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STOP 4: River Rose Tour Take a tour down the Hudson River on an authentic New Orleans paddle wheeler. The boat holds up to 150 passengers and has two decks, a dining room, a lounge, two dance floors, two outdoor observation decks and is wheelchair accessible. It is a two hour narrated sightseeing tour which runs from May 1st to October 31st. All cruises require a reservation.



Departs from Newburgh Waterfront
Front Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
(845) 562-1067



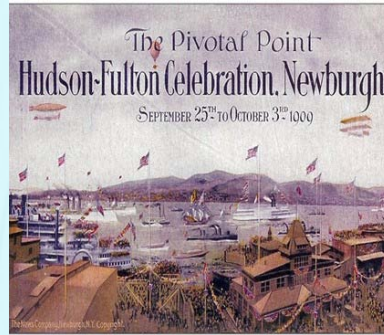
Hours: Season Begins May 1st and Ends October 31st. Reservations required.

Historical Description: This boat is an authentic New Orleans paddle wheeler, recreated to give patrons the feeling of riding on a 19th century paddle steamship.

The Site: River Rose Tours also offers cruises for events such as receptions, fundraisers, dinner cruises and other parties. The boat has two decks, a dining room on the main deck and a lounge on the top deck. There are two dance floors, two bars, and two outdoor observation decks. The boat holds 150 guests and has air condition and heat.

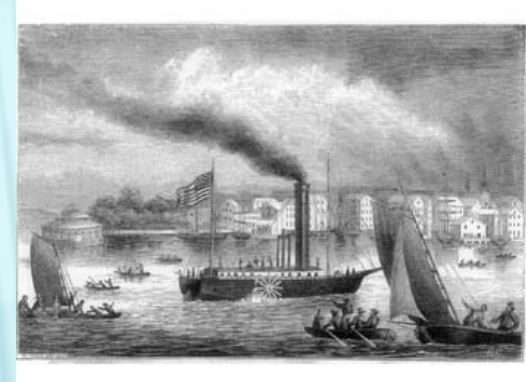
Directions: Start out going WEST on BROADWAY/ NY-17K toward LIBERTY ST. Turn LEFT onto LIBERTY ST. Turn LEFT onto WASHINGTON ST. Turn LEFT onto S WATER ST. End at [1-4] Front St Newburgh, NY 12550.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION



Cities in the Hudson River Valley celebrated Henry Hudson's voyage down the river, as well as Robert Fulton's first commercially viable steamboat. Newburgh had a large part in the celebration, because it was enjoying a peak of prosperity, due to the economic shift from mercantilism to manufacturing (Boisseau). There were many events during the week and a great effort from everyone in the city. The celebration was aimed to be educational, so admission to the celebration was free for all ("Newburgh's History").

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION



About 100,000 residents from Newburgh and surrounding towns attended the celebration in Newburgh (Boisseau). There was a regatta in Newburgh Bay with 50 different types of ships. Two of these ships included replicas of Hudson's *Half Moon* and Fulton's *North River Steamboat*. These ships were joined by blimps, balloons and the Wright Brothers' *Flyer*. The *Half Moon* was built with money raised by the Dutch and presented by the Netherlands Committee. It resembled the original and had the same interior. The *North River Steamboat* was manned by U.S. Navy men wearing uniforms of the early 1800's. The passengers were dressed to look like Robert Fulton and his friends. They also had a "Living Flag" with 500 children dressed up and arranged to resembled a flag. These children sang patriotic songs for the crowds (Boisseau).

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

The entire city of Newburgh was involved in the plans for the celebration. Everyone had jobs to make sure the celebration would run smoothly. The mayor made sure that all businesses and residents cleaned and decorated their buildings. The marshal helped by organizing 150 police officers, both on foot and on horse. Residents of Newburgh helped direct traffic and even prisoners were moved to make room for any people who rioted during the celebration. The Newburgh Light, Heat and Power Company installed equipment to decorate the main streets of Newburgh. Hotels doubled accommodations to have room for visitors (Boisseau). Newburgh's churches marked the occasion by celebrating as well. There were monuments and events dedicated to volunteer firemen because the celebration was taking place on the eve of Firemen's Day. The museum at Washington's Headquarters opened during the celebration as well. During the week there were aerial acts, boxing, wrestling matches, and Wild West shows to entertain celebrants. An equestrian statue of General Anthony Wayne was dedicated on the east lawn of Washington's Headquarters. There also were evening events such as concerts and dancing made possible by the electric lighting system.

THE QUADRICENTENNIAL

Friday October 3, 2009
City of Newburgh



- Statue of Henry Hudson dedicated near waterfront.
- Launch replicas of the Half Moon and the North River Steamboat. Tourists can buy tickets to take a narrated tour of the Hudson River.
- Taste of Newburgh- Local restaurants cook food and give samples to tourists.
- Concert at Alsdorf Hall.
- Edison Generating Plant will set-up lights around the city.
- Amusement park with rides and games.

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Monumental Newburgh Trail: <http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/about/monuments.htm>