Poughkeepsie
IT'S ALWAYS A PARTY IN POUGHKEEPSIE

Have no fear, the POCALS are here!
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Thesis

Poughkeepsie lives up to its name of the Queen city because of its rich culture, colorful and extensive history and its dedication to education today because of locations such as Vassar College, the Walkway Over the Hudson, Locust Grove, and the Bardavon Theater.
Midterm highlights

We were last place in the team standings

We had the most heart

Our midterm case study was the best out of everyone

We started out strangers.. Now we are a family

We grabbed the audience's attention by being really pretty
Midterm review

Locust Grove: An amazing place for weddings with extensive gardens and great educational opportunities.

Vassar College: A historic institution known for academic excellence and dedication to the arts.

Walkway Over the Hudson: A historic landmark which stands today as the longest elevated walking bridge that 500,000+ people visit a year.

Poughkeepsie Post Office: On the National Register of Historic Places built under FDR administration home to murals depicting the Industrious change that occurred between the years of 1839 and 1939.

Clinton House: The home of the first governor of New York.
Itinerary Map

A. Locust grove
B. Vassar College
C. The poughkeepsie post office
D. Bardavon Opera House
E. The walkway over the mid-hudson river
Itinerary: Day 1

- 9:00 am Depart from NYC
- 11/11:30 am arrive at Poughkeepsie Grand
- 12:00 pm arrive at All Shook Up for Lunch
- 1:30 pm arrive Vassar College and roam grounds
- 2:00 pm tour the Frances Loeb Art Gallery
- 4:00 pm leave Vassar
- 4:15 pm arrive at the Walkway Over the Hudson
- 6:15 pm take elevator down and walk to the Ice House
- 6:30 reservations at the Ice House for Dinner
- 8:30 leave Ice House to get spot on river for fireworks on the Hudson
- 9:15 Firework display begins
- Head back to the Poughkeepsie Grand at the end of the firework show.
Vassar College
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Vassar Female College, the first Ivy league college for women in America, welcomed its’ first class in 1865.

It was the first of these elite colleges to become coed.

When its Main Building opened it was the largest building in the United States, and became a National Historic Landmark.

Another National Historic Landmark on campus is the Vassar College observatory.
Vassar College
124 Raymond Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12604
(845) 437-7400

Vassar grounds are open

Historical Description: Vassar has a history of making history. Matthew Vassar originally wanted to build a hospital in Poughkeepsie, but was told he could make a bigger impact by founding a women’s college. Vassar Female College, the first Ivy league college for women in America, welcomed its first class in 1865. It was the first of these elite colleges to become coed. Vassar is also known for its architecture. When its Main Building opened it was the largest building in the United States and became a National Historic Landmark. Another National Historic Landmark on campus is the Vassar College observatory.

The Site: Vassar College is a liberal arts college. The campus is beautiful, and there is a lot to do. People are free to walk the grounds, which is nice to do especially in the fall when all of the trees are showing their autumn foliage. Vassar College is also home to the Frances Loeb Art Gallery which holds a the largest collection of Hudson River School Paintings and the work of many other artists.

Directions: Traveling east on the bridge, continue onto Church Street, and then onto Baker Street/ East-West Arterial. Turn right onto Raymond Avenue. At the traffic circle, take the third exit onto Collegiate Avenue. There will be parking on the right.
Lesson plan

Students will visit Vassar College and the Loeb Gallery which they will observe the art. While going around the museum the students will observe the paintings and how the artists conveyed the mood.

The students will then take a quiz to see if they understood what they were learning about.

Once the kids return back from the trip they will use what they had learned and become their own artists. They will use their emotions to create their picture.

After the students will walk around and do a gallery walk to see who’s pictures evoke what kind of emotions.
Walkway Over the Hudson
Stop Here for a fun and educational learning experience

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

3 Miles
History

- 1868 - An article in the Poughkeepsie Journal introduced the idea of building a railroad bridge across the Hudson.
- 1889 - Trains started crossing the bridge, longest bridge in the world.
- May 8, 1974 - Fire on the bridge
- Park was opened on October 3, 2009.
- 500,000 visitors a year.

The Walkway Over The Hudson

The fire of 1974

Dutchess County to Ulster County

Longest elevated walking bridge at 6,768 feet long and 213 feet high!
Walkway Over the Hudson
61 Parker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
walkway.org
(845) 454-9649

The Park opens daily, weather permitting, at 7:00 a.m. and closes at sunset.
Elevator Operating Hours: weather permitting, the elevator operates from 9:00 a.m. until 1 hour before Park closing time.

Historical Description: The story of The Walkway Over the Hudson starts in 1868, when an article in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* introduced the idea of building a railroad bridge across the Hudson. Trains started crossing the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge in 1889, and at that time it was the longest bridge in the world. There was a fire on the bridge on May 8, 1974. The Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park was opened on October 3, 2009. Today it sees about 500,000 visitors a year.

The Site: The Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is fun for all ages. It stretches 1.28 miles across the Hudson River, linking Poughkeepsie and Highland. Sites that be seen from the Walkway include: Marist College, the Mid Hudson Children’s Museum, Franny Reese Park and the peaks of many churches. In the warm weather there are food trucks on both sides. There is an app with a self guided tour, so that people can learn all sorts of interesting facts as they cross the bridge. The Walkway Over the Hudson hosts many charity walks such as the Alzheimer's Walk and the March of Dimes Walk yearly.

Directions from the Mid Hudson Bridge: Heading east on the MidHudson Bridge, continue onto Church Street. Turn left onto Market Street and continue onto Civic Center Plaza. Turn left onto Mansion Street. Turn right onto Washington Street and take another right onto Parker Avenue. Parking for the Walkway will be on the left.
Lesson plan

Students will learn a little information about the walkway over the Hudson in class.

The students will engage in a scavenger hunt while at the walkway bridge. It involves the waysides exhibits and filling in the correct answer. Alongside with that they should act like naturalist and write down what they observe in which they can discuss and share with the class after.

After the students share some interesting facts they have learned they will head down to the Mid-Hudson children's museum to learn even more with hands on activities.

When we return to class the students will write down their favorite part of the day as well as draw a picture to show it or something they enjoyed.
Itinerary: Day 2

- 10:00am depart from the Poughkeepsie Grand (continental breakfast optional)
- 10:05am arrive at post office
- 10:30am leave post office
- 11:00 reservations at Shadows
- 1:00: Locust Grove Tour and hike the grounds
- 4:30pm Milanese
- 7:00 Show at the Bardavon
- 9:00 depart for NYC
Poughkeepsie Post Office
Stop here to learn about the history of the Poughkeepsie Post Office.
Poughkeepsie Post Office

History
- On the National Register of Historic Places.
- Built during Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Administration in 1937.
- Wanted to reflect the Dutch heritage of the area by building a stone structure.
- Used local stone from local walls and farms.
- Murals
  - Village of Poughkeepsie in 1839
  - Village 100 years later, in 1939.

Scan this to find out more about the murals!
Historical Description: The Poughkeepsie Post Office is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built during Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Administration in 1937. The goal was to reflect the Dutch heritage of the area by building a stone structure. They used local stone from local walls and farms.

The Site: The Poughkeepsie Post Office is still functioning today, so people send and receive mail from this building every day. Inside the post office there are several murals. The two that are easiest to see and are the most interesting are all the way to the left and right when walking in the front doors. One is a view of the village of Poughkeepsie in 1839, and the other is a view of the village 100 years later, in 1939.

Directions from the Mid Hudson Bridge: Heading east on the bridge, continue onto Church Street. Then, turn left onto Market Street and continue onto Civic Center Plaza. The Post Office will be the beautiful building straight ahead.
Students will learn how to write a letter in the classroom. The teacher will provide them with instructions and rules to follow. The students will then create their letter.

The students will arrive at the post office, view the place, and get to mail their letters.

Some students on the bus ride home can share with their class if they feel comfortable when they get back on the bus.
Locust Grove
Stop here for some fun!!

Locust Grove

3 Miles
Locust Grove is a National Historic Landmark estate. It was designed in 1840 and created for artist and inventor Samuel F. B. Morse by architect Alexander Jackson Davis. William and Martha Young moved in and renovated the house. Their daughter created the foundation that preserves the museum today. The grounds are beautiful, and strongly influenced by romantic 19th-century landscape garden design. Fast Facts:

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Historical Description: The main house at Locust Grove is a villa in the Italianate style designed in 1850 for artist and inventor Samuel F. B. Morse by architect Alexander Jackson Davis. New owners William and Martha Young renovated the house approximately fifty years later, and their daughter created the foundation that preserves the museum today. This museum exhibits art from the Young family collection and offers education programs about important inventions. The grounds are also beautiful, and strongly influenced by romantic 19th-century landscape garden design.

The Site: Locust Grove has something fun for people of all ages. There are manicured gardens around the mansion, and the carriage paths are now hiking trails. There are river views on the Sawmill Trail, Cascade Trail and Lane Loop. The Museum Pavilion houses an exhibit encompassing both of Samuel Morse’s careers as an artist and as the inventor of the telegraph. Tours of the mansion are also available daily. They offer educational programs about Telegraphy, simple machines, levers, and the house and artifacts inside. These are popular field trips for local schools.

Directions from the Mid-Hudson Bridge: Heading east on the bridge, stay in the right lane in order to merge onto U.S. 9 S via the ramp to Wappingers Falls/Hyde Park. Continue, US 9S becomes South Road, and Locust Grove will be on your right.
Lesson Plan

Students will learn about Locust Grove's house and the life there in the early 1900's.

Students will take a tour of the house.

After the students take the tour they will go on a house hunt in teams to find artifacts used in the household years ago.
You’re almost there keep going!

Stop Here for some fun!!

Bardavon Opera House .2 Miles
Bardavon 1869 Opera House

Scan this to get to the Bardavon official website

Built in 1869

History
- Designed by prominent Poughkeepsie architect J. A. Wood and built by James S. Post
- In 1928 a Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ was added
- The style of the interior after the renovation has been described as neo-classic.
- August 20, 1977 — and renamed The Bardavon 1869 Opera House
- In one notable 1953 performance, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt provided the narration for Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*
Bardavon 1869 Opera House
35 Market St
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Bardavon.org
(845) 473-2072

Historical Description: Originally known as Collingwood Opera House, this building was designed by Poughkeepsie architect J. A. Wood and constructed by James Post in 1869. Under renovation from 1905 to 1923, it reopened as a movie theater known as The Bardavon Theatre. The building was set to become a parking lot due to redevelopment of the downtown area, but was saved by concerned citizens who got it named to the National Register of Historic Sites in 1977, giving it the name of the Bardavon 1869 Opera House. The Wurlitzer Theater Organ has served an important role at the Bardavon from its installation in 1928. Although removed for a while, it was reinstalled in 1990. The Bardavon currently serves as a venue for a variety of performing arts.

The Site: The Bardavon has served as the home of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic for over forty years. Some of its other most notable performers include First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Cher, Sinead O’Connor, Frank Sinatra, Cyndi Lauper, Liza Minnelli, Yo-Yo Ma, Franki Valli and the Four Seasons and countless others. A list of upcoming events can be found on the website.

Directions from the Mid- Hudson Bridge: Traveling east on the bridge, continue on Church Street. Turn left onto Market Street and the Bardavon will be on the left.
Students will learn previously in class all about the Bardavon Opera house and listen to some Opera music.

Students will watch an opera being performed in the hall.

After the performance is over the student will meet the singers and once everyone is gone get to put on their own show.

The students will break up into teams and begin their singing. The opera singers will be the judges and the team with the best singing will win a signed autograph from the singers.
Conclusion

In conclusion, Poughkeepsie has many historic sites that encourage tourism and is home to many educational opportunities. Poughkeepsie is a great trip for families who desire to learn about the rich history of the Hudson River Valley. As the Fab 4 always say, “It’s always a party in Poughkeepsie....Don’t miss it!”
FAB 4 TAKES HOME THE GOLD

'Cos we are the champions
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