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### How does the canal operate?

Take a quick tour of locks, lift bridges, aqueducts and other common structures used to operate the canal today.

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## Document Based Questions

Worksheets help students read and interpret images and documents to learn about the Erie Canal.

<a href="#">Download PDFs</a>
<a href="#">Historical Background</a>
<a href="#">DBQ 1: Changing the Map of Our Nation</a>
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### Opening the Gates to Change: The Erie Canal and Woman's Suffrage, Grades 6-12

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This 9-minute video explores the impacts of the Erie Canal on development of 19<sup>th</sup> century social reform movements, particularly women's rights. While it examines the history of the struggle for equality, it also compares past movement contemporary issues and shows ways that young people are finding their voices in today's struggle for social justice.

### Lesson Plan, Grades 4-8

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Lesson plan on "Building the Erie Canal," with pre and post-visit activities for Ticket to Ride participants. Students will examine the work that went into building the Erie Canal and consider the political and physical barriers that were overcome to accomplish its construction.

### Erie Canal Time Machine

[NYS ARCHIVES](#) >

Using original documents and artifacts from the NYS Archives, students travel back more than 180 years to 1825 to learn about the Erie Canal. Three projects enable students to focus on distinct phases of the canal's impact on New York State.

### Historical Photographs and Documents



## Two Hundred Years on the Erie Canal

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This online exhibition illustrates the incredible story of the Erie Canal with historical images and primary-source documents. From early concepts and plans to canal construction to its impact and lasting legacy, the exhibition provides a comprehensive visual resource of information for teachers and students.

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### Itineraries

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Erie Canalway itineraries make it easy for students and their families to visit the Erie Canal today and learn about its impact on New York and the Nation. Download and share copies of our itineraries with students or share the link to our itinerary web page with students and their families.



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