

Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources

Boughton, George Henry. "Hudson River Valley from Fort Putnam, West Point." *Fine Art Connoisseur*, 1855,
fineartconnoisseur.com/2019/09/the-poetry-of-nature-hudson-river-school-landscapes

This is a painting made in 1855 from the Hudson River School. I used it to depict the ruggedness of the wilderness and show how inefficient and slow travel before canals was

"Canal Policy." *American Watchman and Delaware Advertiser* [Delaware], 11 Feb. 1825, p. 2.
(from *Chronicling America*)

This newspaper from 1825 discusses the financial benefits of transporting goods and people on the canal. I used this to show how the Erie Canal broke financial and trade barriers by being much more cost efficient than transport by other means.

"Canal Policy of New York." *American Watchman and Delaware Advertiser* [Delaware], 1 Mar. 1825, p. 2. (from *Chronicling America*)

This newspaper from 1825 talks about the future aims and possibilities of the canal once it is complete. I used it to show what goods were transported on the canal and the original plans for the success of the canal.

Colden, Cadwallader. "A Map of the Country of the Five Nations." *Trinity Banter*, 1727,
commons.trincoll.edu/rring/2015/02/20/cadwallader-colden/

This is an image of an early map made in 1727 of New York State and the surrounding area. I used it to help relay information on very early plans for a water route across the state.

Cole, Thomas. "The Course of Empire: The Savage State." *New York Historical Society Museum & Library*, no. 1858.1, 1834, www.nyhistory.org/exhibit/course-empire-savage-state-0.

Image

This is a painting made in 1834 from the Hudson River School. I used it to depict the ruggedness of the wilderness and show how inefficient and slow travel before canals was.

"Diary of a Young Girl: The Erie Canal in 1822, Part I." *Rochester History*, vol. LXII, 27 June 1822. (from www.libraryweb.org)

These multiple diary entries from an unknown diarist in 1822 tell about traveling on the canal. I used this diary to show what early travel on the canal was like and to tell about construction on the canal from a first hand point of view.

"Erie Canal." *HenryLivingston.com*, 2003, www.henrylivingston.com/history/eriecanal. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This web page gives brief background information on the canal and has multiple primary sources such as parts of journal and letters. I used this to show what people's thoughts on the canal at the time were like. I also used this to get images.

"The Erie Canal, and its relations to the City of New York." *Scribner's Monthly*, vol. XV, Nov. 1877, pp. 117-25. (from www.eriecanal.org/texts/Scibners-1877)

This illustrated magazine excerpt from 1877 discusses the Erie Canal in regards to its impact on New York. I used it to show the extent to which the Erie Canal affected New York City.

Hill, Basil. "A Traveler Describes Life Along the Erie Canal, 1829." *The American Yawp Reader*, 1829.

This is a journal of a visitor traveling along the Erie Canal in 1829. I used it to tell about the rapid growth of cities along the canal as well as to give insight on what a traveler might encounter while on the canal.

"Report of the Canal Board." *Morning Herald* [New York], 1 May 1840, pp. 2-3. (from Chronicling America)

This newspaper from 1840 discusses funding for the canal. I used it to show how the canal received the money to expand and improve and what the goal dimensions were for the canal.

Sadler, Jo Anne. "Early Norwegian Immigrants on the Erie Canal." *Norway Heritage*, 30 June 2008, www.norwayheritage.com/articles. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website contains information about immigrants traveling on the canal and has excerpts of primary sources travelers wrote. I used it to tell about the experience of traveling the canal as an immigrant, and I also used some of the pictures.

"Through the Erie Canal." *The Sun* [New York], 7 Sept. 1890. (from Chronicling America)

This newspaper from 1890 has a narrative on what type of boats would be traveling on the canal as well as a few sketches of different parts of the canal. I mostly used it to tell about different types of boats on the canal.

"Traveling the Erie Canal, 1836." *EyeWitness to History*, 2004, www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/eriecanal.htm. Accessed 20 Jan. 2020.

This website contains some brief information on the background of the canal as well as an excerpt from a traveler on the canal in 1836. I used this diary excerpt to show what the experience of traveling on a boat on the Erie Call would be like.

Woodcock, Thomas. "Englishman Thomas Woodcock Travels to Niagara on the Erie Canal."
1836. Letter. (from *History Matters*-historymatters.gmu.edu)

This is an excerpt from Thomas Woodcock's journal documenting his experience traveling the Erie Canal. I used this to show what a typical trip on the canal would be like, especially the people and landscape one would see.

Secondary Sources

Bernstein, Peter L. *Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation*.
Princeton, W. W. Norton & Company, 2005.

This book contains a thorough history of the canal including early history and the effects of the canal after it was built. I used it to share about early history before the canal and events leading up to its creation as well as the specific people involved.

Brainard, Rick. "18th Century Transportation." *18th Century History*, 2020,
www.history1700s.com. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website contains information on both water and land transportation in the 1700s. I used this website to show how people traveled before canals.

Brinkley, Alan. *American History: Connecting with the past*. 14th ed., New York, McGraw-Hill,
2012.

This U.S. history textbook provides a brief history of the Erie Canal. I used it more as a reference source as it only provided a brief introduction to the history of the Erie Canal and general background knowledge.

"Building the Erie Canal." *Albany Institute of History & Art*, 2020,
www.albanyinstitute.org/building-the-erie-canal. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website had multiple images of various aspects of the canal as well as brief informational excerpts to go with each. I used this site for images.

"Canal History." *New York State*, www.canals.ny.gov/history. Accessed 1 Feb. 2020.

This website provides a brief history of the canal. I had already gathered the majority of information on this site, so I mainly used it to check other sites and cross reference information.

Cobb, Frances C. "Erie Canal." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 13 Oct. 2018,
www.britannica.com/topic/Erie-Canal. Accessed 20 Jan. 2020.

This website discusses the design and construction of the canal, impact it had on the entire U.S., and the improvements made on it. I used it to show how the canal was improved from the original and further show the benefits of the canal beyond just transportation.

"Colonial Travel." *ConstitutionFacts.com*,
www.constitutionfacts.com/founders-library/colonial-travel. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website has information on early colonial land transportation. I used it to tell about the most common forms of land transportation before canals. I also got images from the site.

"Durham boat." *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*, 30 Jan. 2020,
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durham_boat. Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This Wikipedia page had information on Durham boats used on early canals and had a few pictures. I used the site for an image.

"The economic effect of the Erie Canal on Western New York (1825-1850)." *Young America Republic*, projects.leadr.msu.edu/youngamerica/exhibits. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website covers the economic effect the Erie Canal had on cities in Western New York. I used it to show how the canal positively impacted both the economy and population of multiple cities that were on the canal route and what it did for the transportation of certain products.

Eisenstadt, Peter. "DeWitt Clinton." *New York State*, 2005, empirestateplaza.ny.gov/hall-governors/de-witt-clinton. Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This site had information on Dewitt Clinton, the "Father of the Canal," and had a picture of him. I used the site for the image.

"Erie Canal." *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*, 20 Nov. 2019, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erie_Canal. Accessed 27 Nov. 2019.

This Wikipedia web page provides an in-depth history of the Erie Canal. I used it to cross reference other more reliable sources.

"Erie Canal Digital Collection." *New York Historical Society Museum and Library*, 2020, www.nyhistory.org. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website had a digital collection of various images of the canal from different time periods. I used this primarily for images.

"Erie Canal Museum Digital Collections." *The Erie Canal Museum*, 2020, eriecanalmuseum.org. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website has several digital collections of canal images. I used it to gather images highlighting different aspects of the canal.

"George Washington's Influence on the C&O Canal." *National Park Service*, 8 Feb. 2018, www.nps.gov. Accessed 4 Feb. 2020.

This website provides information on how George Washington helped create one of the first canals in the U.S. I used this site to compare the Erie Canal's success with other canals before it.

"Historical Background on Traveling in the Early 19th Century." *Teach US History*, www.teachushistory.org. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website provides a brief summary of traveling and the impact of changing technology in the early nineteenth-century. I used it to show how transportation technology became increasingly more advanced as time progressed, and the Erie Canal became more efficient than other means of transportation.

"History and Culture." *Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor*, 2019, eriecanalway.org/learn/history-culture. Accessed 4 Dec. 2019.

This website contains various sections dealing with the history of the Erie Canal including a timeline and the logistics and engineering of the canal. I used it to show how the canal was constructed and how the canal helped define who America was as a nation.

History.com Editors. "Erie Canal." *HISTORY*, A&E Television Networks, 15 Mar. 2018, www.history.com. Accessed 27 Nov. 2019.

This website provides a more indepth history of the Erie Canal. I used it to tell about the specific people involved, why the canal was created, and the impact it had.

"The Irish 'Backbone' of the Erie Canal." *The Wild Geese*, 29 Oct. 2014, thewildgeese.irish.
Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This site has information on the Irish workers of the canal and images. I used it for an image.

Klein, Christopher. "8 Ways the Erie Canal Changed America." *History*, 1 Sept. 2018,
www.history.com. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website discusses the impact the Erie Canal had on America. I used it to display the drastic impact the canal had on American economy, urban populations, westward expansion, and other canal construction.

Labadie, Patrick, et al. "History and Development of Great Lakes Water Craft." *Minnesota Historical Society*, www.mnhs.org. Accessed 1 Feb. 2020.

This website has information on the development of water craft on the Great Lakes. I used it to show what water transportation looked like before canals.

Linden, Carl. "Washington's 'Heroic Enterprise:' The Patowmack Canal." *C&O Canal Association*, www.candocanal.org/articles/washington. Accessed 4 Feb. 2020.

This website provides a brief history of the Potowmack Canal and George Washington's involvement in its creation. I used this site to tell about canals constructed before the Erie Canal.

Lo Wang, Hansi. "A Piece Of The Past, A Price In The Present: Paying For The Erie Canal." *WBFO*, 16 Sept. 2016, <https://news.wbfo.org>. Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This site has information on paying for the Erie Canal as well as a couple images. I used the site for an image.

McNamara, Robert. "Building the Erie Canal." *ThoughtCo*, 29 Jan. 2019,
www.thoughtco.com/building-the-erie-canal. Accessed 20 Jan. 2020.

This website contains a simple history of the canal from the beginning of its creation to when it is finished as well as how it changed the U.S. I mostly used this to cross check other sources as the majority of the information on the site I already had.

McNeese, Tim. *The Erie Canal: Linking the Great Lakes*. New York, Chelsea House Publishers, 2009.

This book provides information on multiple more specific aspects of the Erie Canal. I used it to tell about pre-canal transportation, early and later figures and their plans for canals, and the construction of the canal itself.

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior. *Erie Canal*. Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor New York, 2006.

This pamphlet of the Erie Canalway provides a brief history, a map, and an Erie Canal elevation profile. I used this to show why locks were crucial to the functioning of the canal and why the canal was created where it is.

New York State Canal Corporation. *New York State Canal System*. Albany, NY, New York State Canal Corporation, 2007. Map.

This map provides a view of the entire path of the Erie Canal. I used it to show the path of the Erie Canal as well as to give information about the cities it travels through.

Sadowski Jr., Frank E. "Clinton's Big Ditch." *The Erie Canal*, 2019, www.eriecanal.org.
Accessed 4 Dec. 2019.

This web site contains many sections pertaining to general history as well as intricacies of the canal such as boats, locks, and images. I used it to show what kind of boats were used and how locks functioned.

Santella, Andrew. *The Erie Canal*. Minneapolis, Compass Point Books, 2005.

This book provides a condensed history of the Erie Canal. I mostly used it to cross reference and fact check other sources as well as to display what life was like on the canal.

Sheriff, Carol. *The Artificial River: The Erie Canal and the Paradox of Progress, 1817-1862*. New York, Hill and Wang, 1996.

This book provides a lot of information on the canal as well as a chronology, map, and several images. I used this to show the difficulties of building and improving the canal as well as the politics in regards to certain aspects of the canal.

Thompson, Linda. *The Erie Canal*. Vero Beach, Rourke Publishing LLC, 2005.

This book provides a very simplified history. I used this to check and cross reference other sources as I had found most of this information elsewhere.

"Town of Lockport History." *Town of Lockport, New York*,
www.elockport.com/resources-lockport-town-history. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website provides pictures as well as a brief history on the town of Lockport, NY. I used this site mostly to get pictures.

"Transportation in America before 1876." *National Museum of American History*,
americanhistory.si.edu/america-on-the-move/transportation-1876. Accessed 25 Jan. 2020.

This website has brief information on early roads and steamboats. I used it to show why there was a demand for a canal as well as to display other means of transportation before canals.

Watkins, Thayer. "The Economic History of the Erie Canal." *San José State University Department of Economics*, www.applet-magic.com/eriecanal.htm. Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This website contained information on the economic history of the Erie Canal and had an image. I used this site for the image.

"Who built the Potomac Canal?" *National Park Service*, 30 Jan. 2020,
www.nps.gov/grfa/learn/historyculture. Accessed 9 Feb. 2020.

This site had information on the Potomac Canal and George Washington's part in its creation. I used it for an image.