



Essex Steam Train & Riverboat

Field Trip Lesson Plan

Elementary (History + Science)



LESSON TOPICS FOR BEFORE AND/OR AFTER FIELDTRIP

- How will tomorrow's fieldtrip include both history and science?
- How do railroads move people and goods?
- How do river valleys provide a home for plants and animals?

MOTIVATIONS

Before Trip: Tomorrow you will be on a boat and a train! Both are parts of history and science.

After Trip: What did you enjoy most about yesterday's fieldtrip?

ACTIVITIES

Before Trip:

1. Introduce students to steam trains.
2. Introduce students to river valleys, and riverboat transportation.

After Trip:

1. Have students identify plants and wildlife seen on their trip.
2. Have students write stories about their trip on the boat and train.

QUESTIONS

Before Trip:

1. How did steam trains use to move people and goods?
2. Why are steam trains not used too much today?

After Trip:

1. Why are there so many plants and animals along the Connecticut River?
2. How do trains and boats provide transportation?

SUMMARY

Before Trip: Tomorrow's trip will include a train, a boat, and lots of plants and wildlife!

After Trip: Railroads and boats are forms of transportation for goods and people, just like you!

ADDITIONAL LESSONS

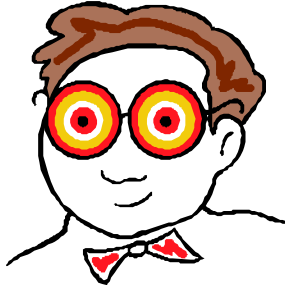
1. Transcontinental Railroad
2. Local History (Rivers, Boats, Trains)
3. Types of Plants and Animals

Name: _____

Fieldtrip



Use your eyes and find everything on the list. Put an X next to each one you see!



1. The Steam Train _____
2. The Connecticut River _____
3. The Castle _____
4. The Riverboat _____

Now, answer the questions:

1. What sounds does the train make?
2. What animals have you seen?
3. What can you see from the riverboat?
4. On the back, draw a picture of your favorite part of the day!