

Erie Canal Activity. Name: _____/Period _____

Internet Activities

Activity 1: Use the link below to answer the following questions.

Erie Canal Online Timeline: <http://www.eriecanal.org/UnionCollege/timeline.html>

1. What year did they break ground for construction of the Erie Canal?



2. What year did the Erie Canal officially open?

3. How many years passed between breaking ground for the canal and the official opening of the Erie Canal?

Activity 2: Use the link below to answer the following questions.

Benefits of the Canal:

http://d43fweuh3sg51.cloudfront.net/media/assets/wgbh/adlit08/adlit08_doc_saaeriedoc4a/adlit08_doc_saaeriedoc4a.pdf

1. What two cities and bodies of water did the Erie Canal connect together from start to end?

2. What were two positive things that happened as a result of the Erie Canal?

Activity 3: Use the link to answer the following questions.

National Canal Museum: <https://canals.org/>

1. Who was De Witt Clinton and why is he important?

2. What were some of the benefits to enlarging the canal in 1836?

3. How do you think the canal has benefited or affected your life today?

Activity 4: Use the link below to make an Illustrated Dictionary.

Erie Canal Definitions: <http://www.quia.com/jg/4185list.html>

With a partner, choose 10 words from the list and create an illustrated dictionary for a person who is just learning about the Erie Canal. Please make a cover and write one word and illustration per page. The word should be neatly written at the top of the page, and the definition should be neatly written at the bottom of the paper. Your picture should be drawn in the middle of the page. Be sure to use a ruler and color your pictures!

Activity 5: Use the link below to find out how locks work.

How Locks Work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiMsYzL1ziU>

Draw a picture to illustrate how a lock works below.