

**NORTH COUNTRY
WHERE DO YOU THINK
YOU ARE?**

**PRESENTED BY VALCOUR BATTLE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

DEVELOPING A HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN

- During this part of your study, you will be finding out about four periods in your town history.
 - Exploration and Settlement (1600-1800)
 - Industrialization and Development (1800-1910)
 - Growth and Organization (1910-1970)
 - The Modern Town (1970-Present)



TOPICS FOR EACH HISTORICAL PERIOD

- As you explore each period of your town's history you will look at how each of the following topics affected how your town grew.
 - Geography, natural resources
 - Government, schools and churches
 - Economy, Industry, Commerce
 - Transportation
 - Wars

WEB RESEARCH

- Information on these topic areas within the four time periods can be found in the accompanying web site

dataforamericaspastthroughlocalhistory.com

- As you answer questions or find information about each time period, save the information in your notebook's corresponding section.

PROJECTS AND TRIPS

- Each of the four historical periods also has suggested projects to do and trips you can take to expand on your web research.
- Work with your teacher and classmates to determine which projects and trips you will participate in and whether these will be individual or team projects.

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Questions on Geography and natural resources
 - What geographic features helped with exploration and settlement?
 - What natural resources motivated settlers to come here?
 - What natural resources would be used to build a settlement?

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Questions on government, schools and churches
 - What native american tribes inhabited your area?
 - Who were the explorers of your area and where did they come from?
 - What government(s) set up the first settlements?
 - How did changes in government affect settlement?
 - Who were the first settlers and where did they settle?
 - What schools were set up during the settlement period? What were they like?

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Questions on economy, industry and commerce.
 - Where were the mills and mines of the first settlements? What were they used for?
 - What everyday items and foods were produced by the settlers and what did they have to buy?
 - What did the early settlers sell during trade?
 - How did trade goods get back and forth from larger towns and settlements?

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Questions on transportation
 - How did the first explorers and settlers get here?
 - Where were the native american trails used by the early settlers?
 - If you wanted to visit a friend in Albany during this period, how would you get there?
 - If you wanted to buy a cow or a horse during this period, how would you get them here?

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Questions on wars during the period
 - The Algonquin and Mohawk tribes fought over land and hunting areas in the north country. What was the eventual impact of these wars on settlement?
 - The Napoleonic wars in Europe were called the French and Indian war in the north country. How did these wars affect settlement?
 - During the Revolutionary war the north country changed sides several times. How did this affect settlement?

TIME PERIOD ONE: 1600-1810

EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

- Suggested projects and trips
 - Build a model of a native american village that might have been in your area.
 - Build a model of a settler's cabin and homestead that might have been in your area.
 - Find drawings or paintings showing how your area might have looked during settlement.
 - Find paintings of first settlers to your area
 - Visit a museum with displays on the settlement period