

Essential Questions:

1. To what extent has the creation of the Erie Canal affected your life thus far?
2. If you lived during the time of the Canal's creation, how would your geography have affected you personally?
3. To what extent did geography and climate affect the placement of the Erie Canal?
4. Does/did the Erie Canal shape individuals, groups, and institutions or do/did individuals, groups, and institutions shape the Erie Canal?
5. How can you individually impact the existence/longevity of the Erie Canal?
6. Who has the power to shape/change the Erie Canal?
7. What obligations do citizens have to the Erie Canal?
8. How can those with seemingly little power (everyday citizens) have a say in the use/existence of the Erie Canal?
9. How can individuals and societies make good decisions that will benefit the Erie Canal? What choices can they make that will harm the Erie Canal?
10. What is our economic responsibility as citizens to preserve the Erie Canal?