

Visual Discovery Activity #1

Past (Primary Documents)



Present (Primary Documents)



Activity #1: Have students study the above pictures for five to ten minutes, asking them to record or raise their hands with any noticeable differences they discover. Then, present them with the following article. Give them time to read, underline, highlight, and take notes. Ask students to then connect details from their reading to the image. They should then be able to use their newfound knowledge to point out several different examples in the photographs of how the Erie Canal has evolved over time. Maybe incorporate a KWL chart, and/or T-chart of the Erie Canal in the past versus the present.

Article: http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ny/books/bkd_ny/wklyrdr/u4_article2.shtml