

Ohio & Erie Canal / Canal Boat Field Trip

Canal Fulton Heritage Society

Lesson Plan Ideas

During Trip

1. Take pictures during the field trip, or have students make sketches of what they see and / or learn. Have students use the pictures or sketches to enhance their writing of an informative letter to parent(s), friend(s), or other students about their visit to the canal.

Post Trip

2. Make a class paper quilt of things learned on the visit. Each student can make one square, and the squares can be combined to make a quilt.
3. Make shoe box dioramas of the most memorable parts of the visit. Display the dioramas as a mini-museum and the students act as tour guides.
4. Write thank-you letters to the Canal Fulton Heritage Society. Include favorite objects seen or special information learned during the visit.
5. Conduct a survey to find out what students liked best about their visit. Make a
6. Have students diagram a timeline of canal history, transportation, their life history or their hometown's history etc. www.vickiblackwell.com/timeliner.html
7. Have class research songs and stories of canal era. 1800's
8. Develop a comparison chart on life in the 1800's -vs- life today to include: housing, food, jobs, education, recreation, transportation and communication.