



## **Extended Research Project for the Empire State Carousel**

### **Overview**

Students will create a research project about an important person or event in New York State History. Many of the events and people mentioned are included in the Empire State Carousel's Portrait and Folklife Panels.

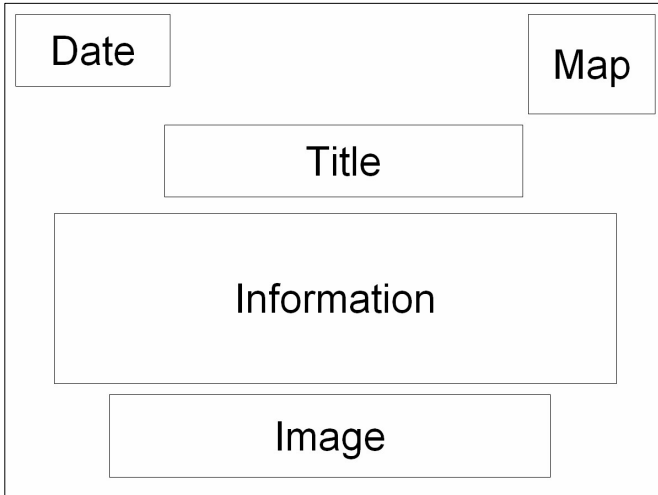
### **Essential Questions:**

- Who are some of the most important people, and what are some of the most important events in New York State history?

### **Procedure:**

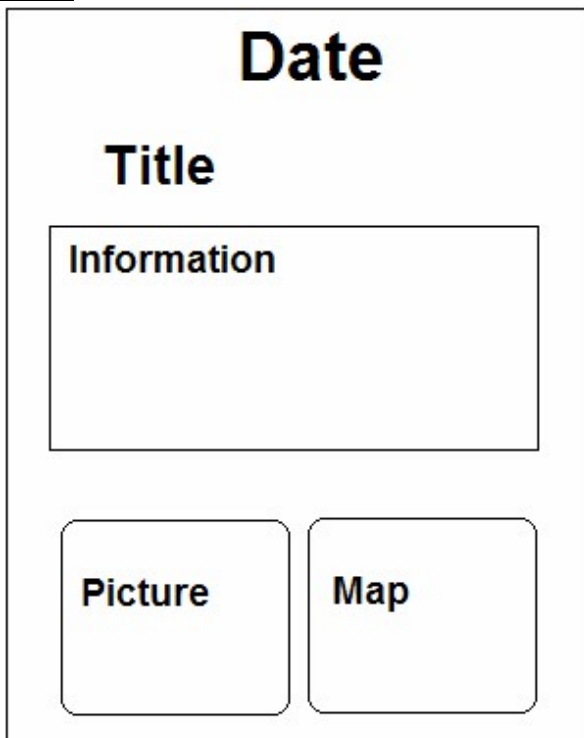
- Students will choose a person or event from New York history (See the included list for some suggested topics). The teacher may provide a list of choices, people and events from the Empire State Carousel may be used, or a list may be developed through a brainstorming session with the class.
- Students will research their topic either in school or remotely. Students should use their research to fill out the Research Guide provided.
- Students will each produce research about the person or event they have chosen on either on a piece of construction paper or on a PowerPoint slide.
- Students should include in each slide the date(s) of the event, a map of where in New York the event happened, an image representing the person/event, and a description of what happened based on information from the Research Guide.
- Once the projects have been completed, students will present their topic to the class (optional).

Templates  
PowerPoint



A PowerPoint slide with a blue background. At the top left, a white box with a black border contains the text "July 19-20, 1848". At the top right is a small white map of New York State with a red dot indicating Seneca Falls. Below the date is the title "The Seneca Falls Convention" in yellow. Underneath is a paragraph of white text: "The Seneca Falls Convention happened July 19-20, 1848. At this convention Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott led a discussion about 'the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman.' This convention started the women's rights movement in both New York and the United States." Below the text is a horizontal image of a carousel slide showing a scene from the Seneca Falls Convention. At the bottom left, there are small navigation icons.

Poster



A poster with a white background and a black border. At the top, the date "July 19-20, 1848" is written in red cursive. Below it, the title "The Seneca Falls Convention" is written in blue cursive. Underneath is a paragraph of blue cursive text: "The Seneca Falls Convention happened July 19-20, 1848. At this convention Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott led a discussion about 'the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman.' This convention started the women's rights movement in both New York and the United States." Below the text is a horizontal image of a carousel slide showing a scene from the Seneca Falls Convention. At the bottom left, a red caption reads: "This picture is from the Empire State Carousel showing the Seneca Falls Convention." To the right of the caption is a white outline map of New York State with a red dot indicating Seneca Falls.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Research Guide

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Fill in each box as completely as you can to complete your research project.

I found out about my event/person in these books and websites.

My event / person is...

My event happened on this date. / My person lived between these dates.

My event happened here. / My person lived here

Who were the main people involved in my event? / What were some of the most important events in my person's life?

Why is this person / event important to New York History?

Other interesting stuff about this person / event!

## Suggested Topics and Resources:

George and Ira  
Gershwin

<http://www.gershwin.com/>

Friedrich von  
Steuben

<http://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/served/steuben.html>

Susan B. Anthony

<http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org/biography.shtml>

Elizabeth C. Stanton

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/wori/ecs.htm>

William Johnson

<http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9043874/Sir-WilliamJohnson-1st-Baronet>

Red Jacket

<http://freenet.buffalo.edu/bah/h/redj/index.html#The>

John P. Zenger

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-Zenger-J.html>

Edward R. Murrow

[http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/database/murrow\\_e.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/database/murrow_e.html)

William Sidney Mount

<http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9054008/William-SidneyMount>

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| Alexander Hamilton | <a href="http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution_founding_fathers_new_york.html">http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution_founding_fathers_new_york.html</a> |
| Al Smith F.F.M.    | <a href="http://www.nps.gov/archive/elro/glossary/smith-al.htm">http://www.nps.gov/archive/elro/glossary/smith-al.htm</a>   |
| Teddy Roosevelt    | <a href="http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org/">http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org/</a>   |
| Samuel Gompers     | <a href="http://www.history.umd.edu/Gompers/page6.html">http://www.history.umd.edu/Gompers/page6.html</a>   |
| Fiorello Laguardia | <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/nyc100/html/classroom/hist_info/mayors.html#laguardia">http://www.nyc.gov/html/nyc100/html/classroom/hist_info/mayors.html#laguardia</a>   |
| Walt Witman        | <a href="http://www.whitmanarchive.org/biography/biographymainindex.html">http://www.whitmanarchive.org/biography/biographymainindex.html</a>   |
| Jackie Robinson    | <a href="http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-1969">http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-1969</a>   |
| Eleanor Roosevelt  | <a href="http://www.greatwomen.org/women.php?action=viewone&amp;id=128">http://www.greatwomen.org/women.php?action=viewone&amp;id=128</a>   |
| Benjamin Cardozo   | <a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-Cardozo.html">http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-Cardozo.html</a>   |
| Helen Hayes        | <a href="http://www.helenhayes.com/about/biography.html">http://www.helenhayes.com/about/biography.html</a>   |

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| John Burroughs         | <a href="http://www.catskillarchive.com/jb/jb-bio.htm">http://www.catskillarchive.com/jb/jb-bio.htm</a>                                    |
| Harriet Tubman         | <a href="http://www.nyhistory.com/harriettubman/life.htm">http://www.nyhistory.com/harriettubman/life.htm</a>                              |
| Grandma Moses          | <a href="http://www.mestern.net/usa/newyork/grandma/index.php">http://www.mestern.net/usa/newyork/grandma/index.php</a>                    |
| P. T. Barnum           | <a href="http://www.ringling.com/explore/history/ptbarnum_1.aspx">http://www.ringling.com/explore/history/ptbarnum_1.aspx</a>              |
| Sam Patch              | The only article with detailed biography online is on wikipedia.org Sam Patch, the Famous Jumper by Paul Johnson is a good printed source. |
| Guys and Dolls         | <a href="http://www.broadwaymusicalhome.com/shows/guysdolls.htm">http://www.broadwaymusicalhome.com/shows/guysdolls.htm</a>                |
| Uncle Sam              | <a href="http://home.nycap.rr.com/content/us_bio.html">http://home.nycap.rr.com/content/us_bio.html</a>                                    |
| William "Captain" Kidd | <a href="http://unmuseum.mus.pa.us/pirateg.htm">http://unmuseum.mus.pa.us/pirateg.htm</a>  |
| <u>The Deerslayer</u>  | <a href="http://www.mohicanpress.com/mo06058.html">http://www.mohicanpress.com/mo06058.html</a>  |
| Noah John Rondeau      | <a href="http://www.adirondack-park.net/history/noah.john.rondeau.html">http://www.adirondack-park.net/history/noah.john.rondeau.html</a>  |

Johnny Caesar Cicero Darling The best telling of the story is available in [The Marvelous Adventures of Johnny Caesar Cicero Darling](#) by: M. Jagendorf.

Ellis Island <http://www.ellisland.org/>

Seneca Falls Convention <http://www.npg.si.edu/col/seneca/senfalls1.htm>

Levittown <http://tigger.uic.edu/~pbhales/Levittown.html>

New York Worlds' Fair (1939) <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~1930s/DISPLAY/39wf/frame.htm>

The Erie Canal <http://www.eriecanal.org/>

The Surrender of New Amsterdam <http://www.bartleby.com/171/4.html>

The United Nations <http://www.un.org/geninfo/faq/factsheets/FS23.HTM>

Henry Hudson <http://pbskids.org/bigapplehistory/early/topic1.html>

George Washington's Inauguration  
<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/washingtoninaug.htm>

DeWitt Clinton – First Locomotive and Passenger train in NY  
<http://www.catskillarchive.com/rrextra/abnyrr02.Html>