Online Resources for Learning About the Erie Canal

**Document Based Questions**
Nine worksheets use original documents and images to help students learn about the Erie Canal.
[https://eriecanalway.org/learn/teachers/resource-dbq](https://eriecanalway.org/learn/teachers/resource-dbq)


**Canal Stories Videos**
Hear echoes of the past and find out what it's like to live and work on the canal today in these nine video stories. [https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/videos/canal-stories](https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/videos/canal-stories)

**Erie Canal History**
Learn how the Erie Canal helped open North America and fueled the flow of people, goods, and ideas. Fast facts and a historical timeline are useful student resources. [https://eriecanalway.org/learn/history-culture](https://eriecanalway.org/learn/history-culture)

**How does the canal operate?**
Learn about locks, guard gates, lift bridges, and other structures used to operate the NYS Canal System. [https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/special-galleries/guide-canal-structure](https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/special-galleries/guide-canal-structure)

**Go Through a Lock-- Virtually**
Students who will miss a field trip experience of going through a lock can take a time lapse boat ride in this short video. (Please scroll to the bottom of the webpage for video content.) [https://eriecanalway.org/explore/boating/locking-through](https://eriecanalway.org/explore/boating/locking-through)

**A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**
Look through the lens of our annual photo contest winners to see the distinctive beauty and character of the Canalway Corridor. [https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/photo-contests](https://eriecanalway.org/gallery/photo-contests)

**Erie Canal Museum, Educational Resources for School and Home**
Find educational resources and classroom activities, coloring sheets, and a virtual tour of the museum. [https://eriecanalmuseum.org/education/educational-resources](https://eriecanalmuseum.org/education/educational-resources)

**Digital Public Library of America, Two Hundred Years of the Erie Canal**
Written more for adults than children, this online exhibition includes many original documents and thorough background information. [https://dp.la/exhibitions/erie-canal](https://dp.la/exhibitions/erie-canal)

**Rochester Voices, Erie Canal**
Historic photos of the Erie Canal in Rochester from the Rochester Public Library. [http://www.rochestervvoices.org/topics/erie-canal/](http://www.rochestervvoices.org/topics/erie-canal/)