



## BPS Social Studies 20 Week Elective: History of Buffalo and Architecture



### **UNIT 1: GEOGRAPHY & NATIVE AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN THE NIAGARA FRONTIER**

This unit will explore the early residents of the Niagara Frontier. The Iroquois Confederacy, also known as the Haudenosaunee, are a historically powerful and important northeast Native American confederacy. They were known during the colonial years to the French as the "Iroquois League" and later as the "Iroquois Confederacy", and to the English as the "Five Nations" (before 1722) and later as the "Six Nations", comprising the Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora nations.

The Iroquois have absorbed many other peoples into their cultures as a result of warfare, adoption of captives, and by offering shelter to displaced nations.

#### ✓ **The Iroquois Confederacy**

- Read: *Keepers of the Western Door: The Story of the Seneca Nation*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/iroq/keepers.html>
- Read: The Iroquois excerpts *The Town of Newstead Septucentennial 1823-1998*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/iroq/iroqak.html>

#### ✓ **Iroquois Constitution**

- Read: *Iroquois Confederacy Constitution*  
<http://www.constitution.org/cons/iroquois.htm>
- Read: New York Times Article: *Iroquois Constitution: Forerunner to Colonists Democratic Principles* from June 28, 1987  
<http://www.nytimes.com/1987/06/28/us/iroquois-constitution-a-forerunner-to-colonists-democratic-principles.html>

#### ✓ **Red Jacket**

- Read: Mark Goldman excerpt of *High Hopes the Rise and Decline of Buffalo, NY*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/redj/index.html>
- Read: *Red Jacket's Speech from 1822*  
<http://www.buffalonian.com/history/articles/1801-50/1822-redjacketspeach.html>
- Read: Brian Kellogg *The Re-Internment of Red Jacket and Mary Jemison*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/kellogg.html>

- Examine: *Painting by Hal Sherman*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/redj/source/11.html>

### **Unit 1 Helpful Online Resources:**

Iroquois Confederacy

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/iroq/iroqlinks.html#class>

Red Jacket

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/redj/tc.html>

Video Clip *Buffalo for Real*

<https://youtu.be/JNYue0Os55A>

### **NYS Standards & Frameworks Connections**

**11.1 COLONIAL FOUNDATIONS (1607– 1763):** European colonization in North America prompted cultural contact and exchange among diverse peoples; cultural differences and misunderstandings at times led to conflict. A variety of factors contributed to the development of regional differences, including social and racial hierarchies, in colonial America. (Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Themes: MOV, TCC, GEO, GOV, ECO, EXCH)

**11.1a** Contact between Native American\* groups and Europeans occurred through cultural exchanges, resistance efforts, and conflict.

## **UNIT 2: EUROPEAN EXPLORATION AND COLONIZATION OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER**

This unit will explore the some of the early structures and citizens of the Niagara Frontier Region.

The history of Old Fort Niagara spans more than 300 years. During the colonial wars in North America a fort at the mouth of the Niagara River was vital, for it controlled access to the Great Lakes and the westward route to the heartland of the continent. With the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, however, the strategic value of Fort Niagara diminished. It nonetheless remained an active military post well into the 20th century.

### ✓ **Old Fort Niagara**

- Read: *History of Old Fort Niagara*  
<http://www.oldfortniagara.org/history>
- Take the Virtual Tour of Old Fort Niagara  
<http://www.oldfortniagara.org/virtual-tour>

In early 1679, La Salle's expedition built Fort Conti at the mouth of the Niagara River on Lake Ontario. There they loaded supplies from Fort Frontenac into smaller boats (canoes or bateaux), so they could continue up the shallow and swiftly flowing lower Niagara River to what is now the location of Lewiston, New York. There the Iroquois had a well-established portage route which bypassed the rapids and the cataract later known as Niagara Falls.

La Salle built Le Griffon, a seven-cannon, 45-ton barque, on the upper Niagara River at or near Cayuga Creek. She was launched on August 7, 1679.

La Salle sailed in Le Griffon up Lake Erie to Lake Huron, then up Huron to Michilimackinac and on to present-day Green Bay, Wisconsin. Le Griffon left for Niagara with a load of furs, but was never seen again.

✓ **Rene Robert Cavalier de la Salle**

- Read: Dr. Joseph Grande Essay; *Building of the Griffon*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/lasalle/grande.html>
- Read: Scott Eberle and Joseph Grande Essay; *LaSalle and the Griffon*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/griffon/griffon.html>
- Read: Nancy Blumenstark Mingus Essay; *Rene Robert Cavalier de la Salle*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/lasalle/index.html>
- Read and Examine Photos: Early Buffalo History by Raymond Massey  
*LaSalle and the Griffon*  
<http://www.buffalohistory.net/Lasallepages/lasallepg1.html>

When the Holland Land Company purchased a huge tract of Western New York (that became known as The Holland Purchase), Joseph Ellicott was hired in 1797 and was sent to perform the monumental task of surveying it. Ellicott spent two years (1798–1800) living outdoors in summer and winter, laying out the townships of the new land in order to complete the Great Survey of the land in October 1800.

In 1800, the principal agent of the company, Paolo Busti, gave him a new position as their agent at their headquarters in Batavia, New York. From this office, for the next 21 years he supervised the sales of the tract, with his personal signature on many deeds. Ellicott was an observer for the investors at the Big Tree Treaty when the Senecas sold their rights to the land in Western New York.

In 1801, he laid out Batavia, New York, and in 1804 the village of Buffalo, and established mill sites and communities.

✓ **Joseph Ellicott and the Holland Land Company**

- Read: William Chazanof Essay; *The Laying Out of Buffalo*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/ell/chaz/lay.html>
- Read: John Conlin Essay; *Early Land Purchases in Western New York*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/LANC/hull/hol/>
- Read: *The Holland Land Company and Joseph Ellicott* excerpts *The Town of Newstead Septucentennial 1823-1998*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/ell/hol.html>

- Examine: *1804 Map Village of New Amsterdam (later Buffalo)*  
<http://www.hlc.wny.org/buffalo.jpg>
- Examine: *Map 1804 Land Holdings in Western New York*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/maps/1804landholdings.jpg>
- Examine: *1805 Buffalo Map*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/maps/1805.jpg>

### **Unit 2 Helpful Online Resources:**

Holland Land Company

<http://buffaloah.com/h/holland.html>

Holland Land Company Museum

<http://www.hollandlandoffice.com>

Joseph Ellicott

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/ell/tc.html>

Rene Robert Cavalier de la Salle

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/lasalle/tc.html>

Old Fort Niagara

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/ftNiag/index.html>

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**11.1a** Contact between Native American\* groups and Europeans occurred through cultural exchanges, resistance efforts, and conflict.

**11.1b** A number of factors influenced colonial economic development, social structures, and labor systems causing variation by region.

**11.1c** Colonial political developments were influenced by British political traditions, Enlightenment ideas, and the colonial experience. Self-governing structures were common and yet varied across the colonies.

### **UNIT 3: EARLY BUFFALO, NY & THE WAR OF 1812**

This unit will explore the beginnings of rival villages Buffalo, NY and Black Rock, NY. They were competing to become the western terminus of the Erie Canal. We will also look at the War of 1812 in the Niagara Theatre. We will see what towns and villages were burned to the ground and which ones were eventually saved.

#### ✓ **The Beginning of Buffalo, NY**

- Read: William Chazanof Essay: *Buffalo in Her Formative Years*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/bflo/bflo.html>

✓ **The War of 1812 in the Niagara Frontier**

- Read: R. Arthur Bowler Essay: *The Beginnings of the War of 1812*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/beginnings/beg.html>
- Read: R. Arthur Bowler Essay: *The War of 1812 Heats Up on the Niagara Frontier*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/bowler.html>
- Read: *Flint Hill and the War of 1812*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/flint/index.html>
- Read: Mason Winfield Excerpt: *The State of War: Summer 1814, Part 1*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/mw/mw1/mw1.html>
- Read: Mason Winfield Excerpt: *The State of War: Summer 1814, Part 2*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/mw/mw2/mw2.html>

✓ **Burning of Buffalo**

- Read: R. Arthur Bowler Essay: *The Burning of Buffalo*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/burning.html>
- Read: Excerpt by Myrtila Constantine Fosdick: *Margaret St. John and the Burning of Buffalo*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/stjohnmarg/fosdick/stjohn.html>

✓ **Battle of Lundy's Lane**

- Read: Mason Winfield Excerpt: *The Battle of Lundy's Lane, Part 1*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/mw/mw6/mw6.html>
- Read: Mason Winfield Excerpt: *The Battle of Lundy's Lane, Part 2*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/mw/mw7/mw7.html>

✓ **Peter B. Porter and the Creation of Black Rock, NY**

- Read: Dr. Joseph Grande Essay; *Black Rock's Peter B. Porter: Lawyer, Statesman, Soldier*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/porter/porter.html>
- Read: James Napora Essay; *History of Black Rock*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/br/nap.html>
- Read: James Napora Essay; *Upper Black Rock*  
<http://buffaloah.com/how/6/upbr.html>

- Read: Austin M. Fox Essay; *Historic Old Black Rock*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/br/brfox/index.html>
- Read: Mark Goldman Essay; *First There Was Black Rock*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/br/brgold/index.html>
- Read: Excerpt “Buffalo Architecture: A Guide” *Black Rock and Riverside*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/br/guide.html>
- Read and Examine Photos: Early Buffalo History by Raymond Massey  
*Black Rock Story*  
<http://www.buffalohistory.net/Black%20Rock%20Story%20pages/Blackrockstorypg1.html>

### **Unit 3 Helpful Online Resources:**

Black Rock

<http://buffaloah.com/h/br/tc.html>

Early Buffalo History

<http://www.buffalohistory.net>

Peter Porter

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/porter/porter.html>

War of 1812 in the Niagara Frontier

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/war1812/tc.html>

### **NYS Standards & Frameworks Connections**

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(Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5; Themes: TCC, GEO, GOV, ECO, TECH)

**11.3a** American nationalism was both strengthened and challenged by territorial expansion and economic growth.

### **UNIT 4: LIFE IN THE NEW NATION**

This unit will explore the beginnings of Buffalo, NY and the "Western Frontier". We will analyze the impact of Buffalo, NY becoming the Western Terminus of the Erie Canal. We will examine what industries came about as a result of Buffalo and identify the interesting people who helped create the city.

#### ✓ **The Niagara Frontier: “Out West”**

- View Video and Examine Photos: Early Buffalo History by Raymond Massey *Buffalo 1836*  
<http://www.buffalohistory.net/index.html>
- Read: Katheryne T. Whittemore Essay: *Carving the Harbor That Built Buffalo*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/erieC/whitt.html>

- Read: Michael Rizzo Biography on *Samuel Wilkeson*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/wilk/index.html>
- Read: *Mr. Joy's Address from the Commercial Advertiser August 22, 1848*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/erieC/joy.html>
- Read: Excerpt Buffalo's Waterfront A Guidebook "Buffalo Lighthouse"  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/a/wat/light.html>
- ✓ **The Erie Canal: Black Rock or Buffalo**
  - Read: Eric Brunger Essay: *The Ditch That Made Buffalo Queen City of the Lakes*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/erieC/brunger/ditch.html>
  - Read: Excerpt by Peter Bernstein: *Wedding of the Waters: Black Rock vs. Buffalo as the Western Terminus of the Erie Canal.*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/bern/bern.html>
  - Read: Excerpt by Peter Bernstein: *Wedding of the Waters: Boats on the Canal.*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/bern/boats/boats.html>
  - Read: John Percy Essay: *The Erie Canal: From Lockport to Buffalo*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/erieC/percy/percy.html>
  - Read: *The Emporium: Completion of the Grand Canal October 26, 1825*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/erieC/newspaper.html>
- ✓ **New Industries are Born Because of Clinton's Ditch**
  - Read: Thomas X. Grasso Essay *The Erie Canal's Western Terminus*  
<http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/pdf/72BuffaloGuide.pdf>
  - Read: Tim Teilman Essay: *Buffalo's Unusual Claim to Architectural Fame*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/ganson/250/tiel.html>
  - Read: 2 Excerpts: *The Importance of Grain Elevators*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/grain/grain.html#2>
  - Read: *Joseph Dart Biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/dart/index.html>
  - Examine Photos and Captions: *Joseph Dart biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/dart/index.html>

- Read and Examine Photos: Early Buffalo History by Raymond Massey *The Superior*  
<http://www.buffalohistory.net/Superiorpages/Superiorintopg.html>
- Examine: Friends of the Buffalo Story Infographic/Marker about the *Central Wharf*  
<http://www.friendsofthebuffalostory.org/#!/central-wharf/c221k>
- Examine: Friends of the Buffalo Story Infographic/Marker about the *Commercial Slip*  
<http://www.friendsofthebuffalostory.org/#!/commercial-slip/cay5>

#### **Unit 4 Helpful Online Resources:**

Buffalo Grain Elevators

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/grain/grain.html>

Buffalo Waterfront

[http://buffaloah.com/h/water\\_tc.html](http://buffaloah.com/h/water_tc.html)

Early Buffalo History

<http://www.buffalohistory.net>

Erie Canal

<http://buffaloah.com/h/erieC/links.html>

Friends of the Buffalo Story Canalside

<http://www.friendsofthebuffalostory.org/#!/canalsideprograms/cjg9>

Video Clip: Buffalo 1836 by Raymond Massey

[https://youtu.be/VVFyEr7V\\_wA](https://youtu.be/VVFyEr7V_wA)

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#### **UNIT 5: BUFFALO AND THE CIVIL WAR**

This unit will examine the impact that former President of the United States Millard Fillmore has had on Buffalo, NY and Western New York. We will examine a little known individual in Buffalo history, Elbridge Gerry Spaulding and the impact he had on the United States during the Civil War. We will also examine the sacrifices made by the Buffalo regiments during the Civil War. Finally we will look at a disastrous attempt by Civil War veterans to liberate British North America (Canada).

##### ✓ **Millard Fillmore and the Compromise of 1850**

- Read: Dr. Joseph Grande Essay: *Millard Fillmore, The Buffalo Benefactor*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/mf/grande/index.html>



- Read: William Richard Cutter Essay: *Millard Fillmore*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/mf/chron/index.html>
- Read: John Fagant Essay: *Fillmore and the Compromise of 1850*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/fillmore/fagant.html>
- ✓ **Elbridge Gerry Spaulding**
  - Read: Biography: *Life and Accomplishments of Elbridge Gerry Spaulding*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/spauld/index.html>
  - Examine: Friends of the Buffalo Story Infographic/Marker about the *Spaulding Exchange*  
<http://www.friendsofthebuffalostory.org/#!/the-spaulding-exchange/c1prq>
- ✓ **Answering the Call to War: NYS War Regiments**
  - Read: Excerpt by Tom Ernst; *Buffalo and the 155<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/civil/155th.html>
  - Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *The Irish and the Civil War*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Civil>
  - Read: *Gen. Daniel Davidson Bidwell Illustrations and History*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/bidwell/index.html>
  - Read: *Soldiers Circle, Bidwell Parkway and Chapin Parkway*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/a/prkwys/prkwys.html>
- ✓ **The Grim Outcome**
  - Read: Benedict R. Maryniak Essay: *One Funeral Makes Another*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/linc/linc.html>
  - Read: *The Soldiers & Sailors monument in Lafayette Square*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/a/lafsq/index.html>
- ✓ **The Fenian Raid**
  - Read: Excerpt by Time Bohen; *The Fenian Invasion*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/bohen/fenian.html>
  - Read: A. Wesly Johns Essay: *The Fenian Fiasco*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/fen/fen.html>

- Read: Excerpt by William J. Donohue; *The Fenians Inavde Fort Erie, Canada*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/donohue/himself.html>

### **Unit 5 Helpful Online Resources:**

Civil War

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/civil/tc.html>

Fenian Invasion

<http://buffaloah.com/h/fen/tc.html>

Friends of the Buffalo Story Canalside

<http://www.friendsofthebuffalostory.org/#!canalsideprograms/cjg9>

Lincoln in Buffalo 150 Years

<http://www.buffalopresidentialcenter.org/Lincoln150.html>

Millard Fillmore

<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/fillmore/tc.html>

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**11.3b** Different perspectives concerning constitutional, political, economic, and social issues contributed to the growth of sectionalism.

### **UNIT 6: BUFFALO IN THE GILDED AGE**

This unit will examine the critical period after the Civil War in Buffalo, NY and Western New York. We analyze the rapid ascent of a local politician named Steven Grover Cleveland. Grover the Good as he was known had a meteoric rise to national politics. We will also study one of the most popular First Lady's ever, Buffalo's own Frances Folsom Cleveland.

We will also examine the many prominent architects and their iconic landmark buildings that have defined the Buffalo skyline for many decades. We also delve into the history of Frederick Law Olmsted, the genius behind our magnificent park system.

#### ✓ **Grover Cleveland**

- Read: Milton Plesur Essay *Grover Cleveland Buffalo's "Honest Politician" Goes to Washington*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/cleve/plesur/gc.html>
- Read: *Grover Cleveland Biography*  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/presidents/grovercleveland22>

- Read: Susan Eck Essay: *Grover Cleveland in Buffalo*  
[http://wnyheritagepress.org/photos\\_week\\_2013/grover\\_cleveland/grover\\_cleveland.html](http://wnyheritagepress.org/photos_week_2013/grover_cleveland/grover_cleveland.html)
- Read: *Lewis Falley Allen History, Illustrations*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/allen/index.html>
- ✓ **Frances Folsom Cleveland**
  - Read: *Frances Folsom Cleveland Biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/cleve/ffc/index.html>
  - Read: *Frances Folsom Cleveland Biography*  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/first-ladies/francescleveland>
  - Read: *Frances Folsom Cleveland Biography*  
<http://www.firstladies.org/biographies/firstladies.aspx?biography=23>
- ✓ **John D. Larkin**
  - Read: *John D. Larkin Biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/larkin/index.html>
  - Read: Excerpt by Jennifer Walkowski *John D. Larkin and the Larkin Company*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jw/larkin.html>
- ✓ **E.B. Green**
  - Read: *Edward Broadhead Green Biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ebg/ebg.html>
  - Read: Excerpt by Austin M. Fox *The Greening of Buffalo: How Architect Green Shaped the Profile of the City*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ebg/fox.html>
  - Examine: *Surviving Buildings by E.B. Green and Associates*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ebg/bldgsList.html>
- ✓ **Frank Lloyd Wright in Buffalo**
  - Read: *Frank Lloyd Wright Biography*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ebg/bldgsList.html>
  - Read: Jerome Puma Essay: *The Larkin Building, Buffalo: History of Demolition*

<http://buffaloah.com/h/larkin/admin/index.html>

- Read: Profile by Jack Quinan with Tim Tielman *Darwin Martin House*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/jewett/125/hp.html>
- Read: *Greycliff Introduction and History*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/DERBY/oldlake/6472/hist/index.html>
- Read: Greycliff Estate; *The Arts and Crafts Movement: The Larkin Connection*  
[http://graycliffestate.org/The\\_Larkin\\_Connection.cfm](http://graycliffestate.org/The_Larkin_Connection.cfm)
- Read: WBFO Article; *Buffalo is Wright Place for Boathouse*  
<http://news.wbfo.org/post/buffalo-wright-place-boathouse>

✓ **Buffalo's Historic Buildings: Henry Hobson Richardson**

- Read: *Henry Hobson Richardson Biography and Works*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/rich/richbiog.html>
- Read: *John Jacob Glessner House and Buffalo State Hospital Administration Building*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/rich/gles/index.html>
- Read: Excerpt by Francis R. Kowsky; *A Towering Masterpiece: H.H. Richardson's Buffalo State Hospital*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/forest/400/statekowsky/index.html>

✓ **Buffalo's Historic Buildings: Louis Sullivan**

- Read: Louis Sullivan *Brief Biography and Works*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/sul/biog/index.html>
- Read: *Guaranty Office Building and Auditorium Building*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/sul/aud/index.html>
- Read: *Guaranty Office Building and The Carson Pirie Scott Department Store*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/sul/car/index.html>

✓ **Buffalo's Historic Buildings: Daniel Burnham**

- Read: *D.H. Burnham in Buffalo, NY*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/burn/index.html>
- Read: *Daniel H. Burnham, Joseph Ellicott, and the Ellicott Square Building*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/main/295/brooks.html>

- Read: *Ellicott Square Building*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/main/295/hist/index.html>
- ✓ **Buffalo's Landscape: Fredrick Law Olmsted**
  - Read: Francis R. Kowsky Essay *Fredrick Law Olmstead's Buffalo Park and Parkway System*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/kowsky/kowold/index.html>
  - Read: Jennifer Walkowski Essay: *The Olmsted Parkway System and the Suburbanization of Buffalo*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/bidwell/205/hist.html#Olmsted>
  - Examine: *Park System Map*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/landmks/parks2.jpg>

### **Unit 6 Helpful Online Resources**

Buffalo as an Architectural Museum

<http://buffaloah.com/a/bamname.html>

Daniel Burnham

<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/burn/index.html>

Edward Broadhead Green and Associates in Buffalo, NY

<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ebg/assoc/index.html>

Frank Lloyd Wright in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/wright/buff/index.html>

Fredrick Law Olmsted

<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ov/hp.html>

Grover Cleveland

<http://buffaloah.com/h/cleve/chron/index.html>

Frances Folsom Cleveland

<http://buffaloah.com/h/cleve/ffc/tc.html>

John D. Larkin

<http://buffaloah.com/a/lark/hp.html>

Louis Falley Allen

<http://buffaloah.com/h/allen/tc.html>

Louis Sullivan in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/sul/sul.html>

Video Clip *Buffalo's Architectural Treasures*

[https://youtu.be/vnE\\_uaVtbwU](https://youtu.be/vnE_uaVtbwU)

Video Clip *Buffalo: America's Best Designed City*

<https://youtu.be/sBsi5FGbY2Y>

**11.5 INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION (1870 – 1920):** The United States was transformed from an agrarian to an increasingly industrial and urbanized society. Although this transformation created new economic opportunities, it also created societal problems that were addressed by a variety of reform efforts. (Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5; Themes: TCC, GEO, CIV, ECO)

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**11.5b** Rapid industrialization and urbanization created significant challenges and societal problems addressed by a variety of reform efforts.

## **UNIT 7: IMMIGRANTS BUILD BUFFALO**

In this unit we will examine the diverse ethnic groups and the contributions they have made to help build Buffalo. After completing this unit you may finally understand the where many of our street names have originated from.

### ✓ **African Americans in Buffalo**

- Read: Excerpt by Anthony Cardinale; *African Americans in Buffalo an Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/af/index.html#overview>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *African Americans and the East Side*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/af/index.html#overview>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *William Wells Brown*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/brown/brown.html>
- Read: John Fagant Essay: *Frederick Douglas in Buffalo 1843*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/fagant/Douglass.pdf>
- Read: William Evitts Essay: *The Niagara Movement*  
<http://www.barrington220.org/cms/lib2/IL01001296/Centricity/ModuleInstance/11997/Niagara%20Movement.PDF>

### ✓ **German Immigrants in Buffalo**

- Read: Excerpt by Richard C. Brown and Bob Watson; *Buffalo: Lake City in Niagara Land*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ger/illus/index.html>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *High Hopes: The Rise and Decline of Buffalo, NY*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ger/illus/index.html>
- Read: Mark Goldman Essay; *Buffalo's Historic Neighborhoods: Hamlin Park*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/hamln/hamlin.html>

### ✓ **Hispanics/Latinos in Buffalo**

- Read: Excerpt by Anthony Cardinale: *Hispanics in Buffalo an Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/hisp/hisp.html>

- Read: Excerpt : *Hispanic/Latino Heritage in Buffalo & Erie County*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/hisp/hisp.html>

✓ **Irish Immigrants**

- Read: Excerpt by Anthony Cardinale: *Irish Americans in Buffalo an Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt by James Napora: *Houses of Worship: A guide to the Religious Architecture of Buffalo, NY; The First Ward and the Valley*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt: *The Irish Community of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition; Irish Scoopers*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt: *The Irish Community of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition: The Irish and the Pan-Am*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt: *The Irish Community of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition: The Irish and the Pan-Am*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *Bishop John Timon*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *The Irish and the Civil War*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/index.html#Irish-American>
- Read: Excerpt by Timothy Bohlen; *William “Fingy” Conners, Bishop James Quigley, and the great Strike of 1899*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/bohen/conners.html>
- Read: Excerpt by Timothy Bohlen; *William “Fingy” Conners, Bishop James Quigley, and the great Strike of 1899*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/bohen/don.html>

✓ **Italian Immigrants in Buffalo**

- Read: Excerpt by Anthony Cardinale; *The Italians in Buffalo an Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Scott Eberle and Joseph A. Grande; *Italian Immigrants in Buffalo*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>

- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman; *Italian Community in Buffalo*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Richard C. Brown and Bob Watson: *Buffalo: Lake City in Niagara Land; Louis Onetto*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt: *The Italian Community of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman: *The Johnson Immigration Restriction Law*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html#The>

✓ **Jewish Immigrants**

- Read: Excerpt by Anthony Cardinale; *The Jews in Buffalo an Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Scott Eberle and Joseph A. Grande; *Mordecai Noah*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Richard C. Brown and Bob Watson: *Buffalo: Lake City in Niagara Land; Jewish Neighborhoods*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Scott Eberle and Joseph A. Grande; *Polish Jews*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by James Napora: *Houses of Worship: A Guide to the Religious Architecture of Buffalo, NY A Brief History of Temple beth El- The First Jewish Synagogue*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman: *Joseph Braun and The Johnson Immigration Restriction Law*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman: *Buffalo's East Side and the Expressways*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html#The>

✓ **Polish Immigrants in Buffalo**

- Read: Excerpt: *Broadway Fillmore History*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>
- Read: Excerpt; *Polish Americans on he Niagara Frontier and Overview*



<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>

- Read: Excerpt by James Napora: *Houses of Worship: A Guide to the Religious Architecture of Buffalo, NY; Polonia: Joseph Bork and St. Stanislaus Church*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman: *The Belt Line Railroad and Assumption Parish*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>
- Read: Excerpt by Fred Jablonki: *East Buffalo Stockyards*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>
- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman: *Michael Pascek*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>
- Read: Excerpts: *The Polish Community of Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html#Ovevrview>

### **Unit 7 Helpful Online Resources**

History of African Americans in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/af/index.html>

German American History in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/ger/ger.html>

History of Hispanics in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/hisp/hisp.html#Hispanics>

History of Irish in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/irish/tc.html>

History of Italians in Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/ital/index.html>

Jewish American History of Buffalo

<http://buffaloah.com/h/jews/index.html>

Polish American History in Buffalo, NY

<http://buffaloah.com/h/pol/hist/index.html>

### **NYS Standards & Frameworks Connections**

**11.4 POST-CIVIL WAR ERA (1865 – 1900):** Reconstruction resulted in political reunion and expanded constitutional rights. However, those rights were undermined and issues of inequality continued for African Americans, women, Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Chinese immigrants.

(Standards: 1, 4, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, CIV, ECO)

**11.4a** Between 1865 and 1900, constitutional rights were extended to African Americans. However, their ability to exercise these rights was undermined by individuals, groups, and government institutions.

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urbanized society. Although this transformation created new economic opportunities, it also created societal problems that were addressed by a variety of reform efforts. (Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5; Themes: TCC, GEO, CIV, ECO)

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**11.5b** Rapid industrialization and urbanization created significant challenges and societal problems addressed by a variety of reform efforts.

**11.6 THE RISE OF AMERICAN POWER (1890 – 1920):** Numerous factors contributed to the rise of the United States as a world power. Debates over the United States' role in world affairs increased in response to overseas expansion and involvement in World War I. United States participation in the war had important effects on American society. (Standards: 1, 2, 3, 4: Themes: GEO, SOC, GOV, ECO)

**11.6c** World War I had important social, political, and economic effects on American society.

## **UNIT 8: THE CITY OF BUFFALO 1900-1950**

In this unit we will examine the first half of the 20th century, many consider this the "Pinnacle Period" of Buffalo, NY. We will analyze the global importance of the Pan-American Exposition and its legacy on Buffalo today. We will examine the assassination of President William McKinley and the inauguration of our nation's youngest President, Theodore Roosevelt, at the Wilcox Mansion. We will also examine the historical significance of the people and architecture during the Roaring 20's, Great Depression and World War II in Buffalo, NY.

### ✓ **The Pan-American Exposition**

- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman *The Pan-American Exposition: World's Fair as Historical Narrative*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/goldman/index.html>
- Read: Harld F. Peterson Essay *Buffalo Builds the 1901 Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/peter.html>
- Read: *The Pan Am's Who's Who*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/panwho/panwho.html>
- Examine: *Map of Pan-Am Grounds*  
<http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/%7Eseck/panam1901/flatmap.html>
- Read: Eliza Northwood Essay *Architecture, Sculpture and Color Schemes at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/north.html>

✓ **McKinley Assassination**

- Read: Excerpt by Mark Goldman *President William McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/panwho/mck/index.html>
- Read: *Temple of Music*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/archs/ej/dem/temple.html>
- Read: *Address by the Late President McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/panam/speech.html>
- Read: *McKinley Monument*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/niagSq/mck/index.html>

✓ **The Roaring 1920's**

- Read: *Pierce-Arrow Company; George Pierce*  
<http://www.buffaloah.com/h/pierce/pierce/index.html>
- Examine: *Photos and Timeline: Glenn Curtis in Buffalo, NY*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/aero/curt/index.html>
- Read: *Ellsworth Statler in Buffalo, NY*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/del/107/hist/index.html>
- Read: *Ellsworth Statler in Buffalo; Statler's Most Elegant hotel*  
[http://wnyheritagepress.org/photos\\_week\\_2007/statler/hotel\\_2/hotel\\_2.htm](http://wnyheritagepress.org/photos_week_2007/statler/hotel_2/hotel_2.htm)
- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 4: 1920's and the Rise of the Modern City* pages 75-96

✓ **The Great Depression 1930-1941**

- Read: *Buffalo City Hall History*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/niagSq/65/hist.html>
- Read: *City Hall*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/bflobest/city/city.html>
- Read: *Kleinhans Music Hall*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/sym/klein/index.html#Anchor>
- Read: *Kleinhans Music Hall Overview*  
<http://buffaloah.com/a/sym/klein/brown.pdf>

- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 5: Art and Life in the Depression Decade* pages 99-129

✓ **World War II**

- Examine Photos and Timeline: *Bell Aircraft in Buffalo, NY*  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/aero/bell/index.html>
- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 6: The Home Front* pages 75-96

**Unit 8 Helpful Online Resources**

Buffalo City Hall

<http://buffaloah.com/a/niagSq/65/city.html>

Buffalo History by Year 1914-1928

<http://buffaloah.com/h/1928.html#1914>

Buffalo History by Year 1929-1945

<http://buffaloah.com/h/1945.html#1929>

Pan-American Exposition

<http://buffaloah.com/h/af/index.html>

William McKinley

<http://buffaloah.com/h/mckinley.html>

Statler Hotel

<http://buffaloah.com/a/del/107/hp.html>

**NYS Standards & Frameworks Connections**

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**11.6c** World War I had important social, political, and economic effects on American society.

**11.7 PROSPERITY AND DEPRESSION (1920 – 1939):** The 1920s and 1930s were a time of cultural and economic changes in the nation. During this period the nation faced significant domestic challenges including the Great Depression. (Standards: 1, 4; Themes: ID, TCC, SOC, CIV)

**11.7a** The 1920s was a time of cultural change in the country, characterized by clashes between modern and traditional values.

**11.7b** African Americans continued to struggle for social and economic equality while expanding their own thriving and unique culture. African American cultural achievements were increasingly integrated into national culture.

**11.7c** For many Americans, the 1920s was a time of prosperity. However, underlying economic problems reflected by the stock market crash of 1929 led to the Great Depression. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's responses to the Great Depression increased the role of the federal government.

**11.8. WORLD WAR II (1935 – 1945):** The participation of the United States in World War II was a transformative event for the nation and its role in the world. (Standards: 1, 2; Themes: TCC, GOV, CIV, TECH)

**11.8b** United States entry into World War II had a significant impact on American society.

## **UNIT 9: CITY OF BUFFALO 1950-PRESENT DAY**

In this unit we will examine the second half of the 20th century and the new millennium. Many consider this the "Pinnacle Period" of Buffalo, NY. We will analyze the global importance of the Pan-American Exposition and its legacy on Buffalo today. We will examine the assignation of President William McKinley and the inauguration of our nation's youngest President, Theodore Roosevelt, at the Wilcox Mansion. We will also examine the historical significance of the people and architecture during the Roaring 20's, Great Depression and World War II in Buffalo, N.Y.

### ✓ **Buffalo's Economic Boom in the 1950s**

- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 7: Buffalo at Mid-Century* pages 149-182

### ✓ **The 1960s and Turmoil**

- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 8: Downtown and the Neighborhoods during the 1960s* pages 187-216

### ✓ **The Rust Belt: The Steady Decline of Buffalo's Industry & Society**

- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 10: The 1970s: A Decade of Loss* pages 255-275
- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 11: Judge Curtin Strives to Create a New Kind of Community* pages 279-298

### ✓ **The 2000's The New Millennium**

- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 14: What's Going on? Buffalo at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century* pages 361-383
- Read Text: *City on the Edge Chapter 15: Now Is the Time: Restoring a Sense of Place* pages 387-404
- Read: Buffalo News Article by Donn Esmonde *Catalyst of Canalside basks in the glow of its progress*  
<http://www.buffalonews.com/columns/donn-esmonde/catalyst-of-canalside-basks-in-the-glow-of-its-progress-20150619>

## **Unit 9 Helpful Online Resources**

Buffalo History by Year 1946-1970

<http://buffaloah.com/h/1970.html#1946>

Buffalo History by Year 1971-1985

<http://buffaloah.com/h/1985.html#1971>

Buffalo History by Year 1986-2000

<http://buffaloah.com/h/2000.html#1986>

Video Clip *Buffalo: This Place Matters*

<https://youtu.be/MT11IdWPvfc>

Video Clip *Next Things Now: Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Buffalo*

<https://youtu.be/E-YgcN-en3U>

## **NYS Standards & Frameworks Connections**

### **11.10 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE/DOMESTIC ISSUES (1945 – present):**

Racial, gender, and socioeconomic inequalities were addressed by individuals, groups, and organizations. Varying political philosophies prompted debates over the role of the federal government in regulating the economy and providing a social safety net.

(Standards: 1, 4, 5; Themes: ID, TCC, SOC, GOV, CIV, ECO)

**11.10a** After World War II, long-term demands for equality by African Americans led to the civil rights movement. The efforts of individuals, groups, and institutions helped to redefine African American civil rights, though numerous issues remain unresolved.

**11.10b** Individuals, diverse groups, and organizations have sought to bring about change in American society through a variety of methods.

**11.10c** Varying political philosophies prompted debates over the role of the federal government in regulating the economy and providing a social safety net.

### **BPS Social Studies 20 Week Elective:**

#### **History of Buffalo and Architecture Grading Standards:**

- ❖ Weekly Classwork Assignments 40%
  - ✓ Unit reading assignments
  - ✓ Unit reflection assignments
  - ✓ Weekly discussion questions
  
- ❖ Weekly Discussion Assignments 40%
  - ✓ Posting your unit reflections to discussion board
  - ✓ Commenting on 3 other unit reflections
  - ✓ Posting your weekly discussion questions
  - ✓ Commenting on 3 other weekly discussion questions
  
- ❖ Capstone Project (select one option) 20%
  - ✓ Create a historical website based on course theme
  - ✓ Write a historical research paper based on course theme

*Please Note: Separate guidelines will be given for each option*

**\*\*Optional Blended Learning Model Accommodations\*\*:**

Unit 1: Fort Niagara Site Visit or Buffalo History Museum Site Visit

Unit 2: Waterfront Memories and More Museum Site Visit

Unit 3: Canalside and Buffalo Harbor Museum

Unit 4: Blackrock Historical Society Site Visit

Unit 5: Buffalo History Museum Site Visit

Unit 6: Ellicott Square Building Visit

Unit 7: Downtown Buffalo Erie County Public Library Visit

Unit 8: Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Visit

Unit 9: 43 North Business Headquarters Site Visit

*Please Note: Buffalo Architecture will be a prominent focus in Units 6-9 of this course*

**BPS Social Studies 20 Week Elective:  
History of Buffalo and Architecture**

**Course Textbooks:**

Buffalo Architecture: A Guide (Paperback)

by Reyner Banham

ISBN-13: 978-0262520638 ISBN-10: 026252063X

City on the Edge: Buffalo, New York, 1900-Present (Paperback)

by Mark Goldman

ISBN-13: 978-0801489914 ISBN-10: 0879755792

City on the Lake: The Challenge of Buffalo, New York

by Mark Goldman

ISBN-13: 978-0879755799 ISBN-10: 0801489911

**Supplemental Online Resources:**

Buffalo Architecture and History: Main Page by Chuck LaChiusa

<http://www.buffaloah.com>

Buffalo Architecture: History of Buffalo by Chuck LaChiusa

<http://buffaloah.com/a/bamname.html>

Buffalo Research by Cynthia Van Ness

<http://www.buffaloresearch.com>

NYSHA: Online Library Resources

<http://library.nysha.org/online/>

NYS Archives: Documents and Learning Activities

[http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Browse/Index/target/ca\\_ocurrences](http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Browse/Index/target/ca_ocurrences)

WNY Heritage Press Pictures of Buffalo

<http://wnyheritagepress.org/photographs/pictorials.html>

**Course Pacing Guide:**

Unit 1	Week 1
Unit 2	Weeks 2 & 3
Unit 3	Weeks 4 & 5
Unit 4	Weeks 6 & 7
Unit 5	Weeks 8 & 9
Unit 6	Weeks 10 & 11
Unit 7	Weeks 12 & 13
Unit 8	Weeks 14 & 15
Unit 9	Weeks 16 & 17
Unit 10	Weeks 18 & 19
Capstone Project	Week 20

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