



Fairbanks  
Subject Area: Language Arts  
**Grades 6-8**

## New York State Learning Standard

### **English Language Arts Learning Standards**

#### **Standard 1**

Students will read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding.

As listeners and readers, students will collect data, facts, and ideas, discover relationships, concepts, and generalizations; and use knowledge generated from oral, written, and electronically produced texts. As speakers and writers, they will use oral and written language to acquire, interpret, apply, and transmit information.

#### **Standard 2**

Students will read, write, listen, and speak for literary response and expression.

Students will read and listen to oral, written and electronically produced texts and performances, relate texts and performances to their own lives, and develop an understanding of the diverse social, historical, and cultural dimensions the texts and performances represent. As speakers and writers, students will use oral and written language for self-expression and artistic creation.

#### **Standard 3**

Students will read, write, listen, and speak for critical analysis and evaluation.

As listeners and readers, students will analyze experiences, ideas, information, and issues presented by others using a variety of established criteria. As speakers and writers, they will present, in oral and written language and from a variety of perspectives, their opinions and judgments on experiences, ideas, information and issues.

## Discover Portage Road Lesson Plan

### Overview

Known as Fairbanks, the building at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Center Streets in Lewiston, New York was built by Joshua Fairbanks. Harriet Van Cleve inherited the house from her grandfather, Joshua. She lived here with her husband, James Van Cleve.



Source <http://www.historiclewiston.org/pictures.html>

After a long career as Captain of several lake ships, Captain Van Cleve retired to the house in 1861 to write his three volume history of the Great Lakes ships and a history of Lewiston. The building is currently a private residence

### Activity

Students will:

- Understand Captain Van Cleve wrote a history of Great Lake Ships,
- Access *Early Steamboating Reminiscences from "The Ontario, Martha Ogden and United States."* by Captain James Van Cleve at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~twigs2000/vancleve.html>,
- Read the section of the narrative about the "The Ontario", an early steamboat,
- Write a summary of the material presented on "The Ontario"

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### **References**

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*Images and Pictures of Lewiston, NY at* <http://www.historiclewiston.org/pictures.html>