



## Discover Portage Road Lesson Plan

Fort Conti  
Subject Area: Social Studies  
Grades 6-8

### New York State Social Studies Learning Standards

#### **Standard 1**

#### **History of the United States and New York**

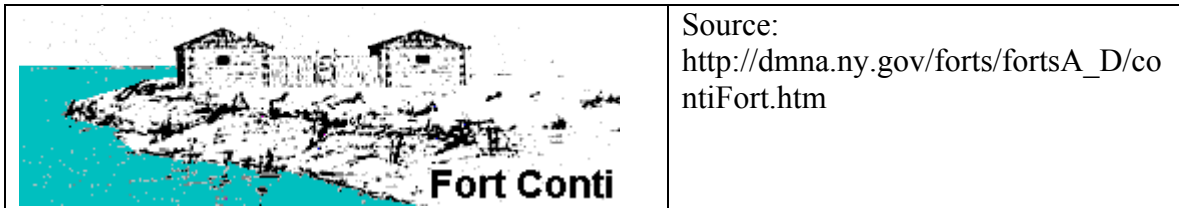
##### **Students will:**

- Use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in the history of the United States and New York
- Distinguish between near and distant past and interpret simple timelines.
- Investigate key turning points in New York State and United States history and explain why these events or developments are significant.
- Gather and organize information about the important achievements and contributions of individuals and groups living in New York State and the United States,
- Prepare essays and oral reports about the important social, political, economic, scientific, technological, and cultural developments, issues, and events from New York State and United States history.

##### **Overview:**

Fort Conti was built in 1679 near Youngstown, New York on the site of Fort La Salle which was built in 1669... Fort Conti consisted of two log blockhouses, 40 foot square connected by palisades. It was built January 14-15, 1679 by Captain Robert Cavellier de La Salle. The post was named Fort Conti after Louis Armand de Bourbon, Prince of Conti, a patron of La Salle's lieutenant, Henri de Tonty. A barracks and warehouse was constructed 7 miles upriver at the foot of the gorge at former site of Fort Hennepin which had been built 1678. An upper camp for shipbuilding was also built at the end of the portage above the rapids at Cayuga Creek, near the later site of Fort Little Niagara which was built in 1745). Fort Conti was attacked in November by Seneca Indians. the fort's occupants escaped and the fort was burned. According to some accounts, carelessness caused the fire and abandonment.

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### Activity

Students will:

- Access *NY State Military Forts* at <http://dmna.ny.gov/forts/fortsindex.htm>
- Use the “Find A Fort “ feature, an alphabetical listing of all New York State forts, camps, "castles", fields, bases, etc., to match the forts with the date of their construction

1	Fort Conti:	A	1719(21)
2	Fort Gray:	B	1669
3	Fort Hennepin:	C	1679
4	Joncaire's Blockhouse	D	1678
5	Fort Little Niagara	E	1760,
6	Fort LaSalle:	F	1812
7	Fort Schlosser:	G	1750
8	Fort Niagara (Old):	H	1687
9	Fort Niagara (New):	I	1726
10	Fort de Nonville:	J	1841

### Answers

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### **References**

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