



## Discover Portage Road Lesson Plan

**Fort Gray**

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 Gray was built in 1812 in Niagara Falls, New York. It was located on the top of the Lewiston Escarpment opposite Queenstown. Named for its builder Nicholas Gray, Fort Gray was located on the site of an unnamed 1751 French Blockhouse/Storehouse and an unnamed 1764 British Blockhouse/Storehouse. It was attacked and destroyed in December 1813 by British forces.

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### Activity

Students will:

1. Access :Description of the Flag” on the *15 Star Flag - (1795-1818) (U.S.)* Website at <http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/Flags/us-1795.html#des>
2. Write a brief description of the American flag that flew during the War of 1812, and
3. Note which two states were added to the original thirteen states.

	This is the 15 Star Flag that was the United States Flag from- 1795-1818, It flew during the War of 1812
Source: <a href="http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/Flags/us-1795.html">http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/Flags/us-1795.html</a>	Image by <i>Mark Sensen</i> , 4 December 1997

### References

*15 Star Flag - (1795-1818) (U.S.)* at <http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/Flags/us-1795.html#des>

*Forts: Fort Gray.* New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs: Military History at [http://dmna.ny.gov/forts/fortsE\\_L/grayFort.htm](http://dmna.ny.gov/forts/fortsE_L/grayFort.htm)