



## Discover Portage Road Lesson Plan

**Fort LaSalle**

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 LaSalle was built in 1669 near Youngstown, New York. It was a temporary fort built by LaSalle as overwinter quarters. It was built on the site of the future Fort Niagara. Fort LaSalle was destroyed by the Senecas in 1675. Next fort on the site of Fort LaSalle was Fort Conti which was built in 1679. In the late 17th century; LaSalle facilitated the expansion of the fur trade by building series of forts such Fort LaSalle. The forts built by LaSalle formed a line of communications from Montreal into the upper Great Lakes and into the Ohio Valley and Mississippi regions

#### **Activity**

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Students will:

- Access the information about LaSalle's expedition at *La Salle Expeditions* at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La\\_Salle\\_Expeditions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Salle_Expeditions)
  - Examine this 1688 map of the region explored by La Salle which is largely based on the findings of his expeditions,
  - Label Lake Ontario, and
  - Label Lake Erie
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Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La\\_Salle\\_Expeditions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Salle_Expeditions)

### **References**

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

*LaSalle's Exhibitions* at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La\\_Salle\\_Expeditions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Salle_Expeditions)