

The Hudson River Ramblers -

Once Upon the Hudson Teacher's Guide

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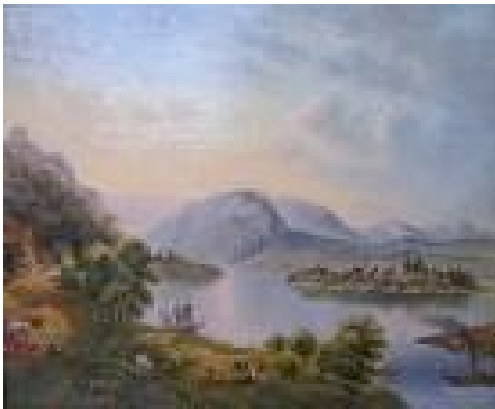


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Fourth Grade

The majestic historic Hudson River

An arm of the sea, a drowned river, a fjord, are all ways scientists describe this river. The Native peoples as your students will learn, called it “the river that flows both ways.” It is the river that shaped our nation.



The Hudson River Ramblers

will sing and tell stories right from the people who farmed, fished and fought along the Hudson. Taking inspiration from Pete Seeger and

Washington Irving, Rich & Jonathan use primary sources, audience participation to engage children with the river's traditions.

They'll perform regional folk songs, including your local history. Your students will learn about people along the river from Native, Colonial & Revolutionary, industrial, and current times, while actively listening. You'll meet social studies curricular goals.

Try these activities before the show...

* Ask your class to brainstorm a list of what they know about the Hudson River.

*Click here for a [good map of the Hudson River](#). Go to “hybrid” to explore the entire river source to mouth. See what your children know about these places.

*Ask them to sing the chorus of “[Yankee Doodle](#).” It was written along the Hudson around 1755.



Jonathan & Rich - Cold Spring, Hudson Highlands

*Click here for a slide show on [Henry Hudson](#).

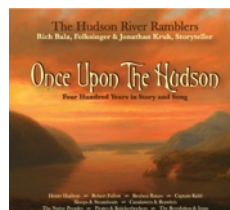
*[Visit this site for a wonderful panorama](#).

*[Click here to learn about the Native Peoples on the Hudson](#).

[Click here to see images and clips from the PBS Bill Moyers documentary “America’s First River”](#).

*Share [Hudson Talbot’s book “River of Dreams”](#)

*Listen to the Hudson River Ramblers Parent’s Choice Award winning CD [Once Upon the Hudson](#)



Hudson River Ramblers Earn Parents Choice Award.



THE BEGINNING OF TRADE ON THE HUDSON.



Hudson River Ramblers

55 min. Performance

Student Story & Song Guide

Write your answers in the blanks, thanks!

Canoe Song & Mahicanituck

This Lenape Native American myth tells how the Hudson was formed. A heart broken giant stands to

form the river that flows both ways, or Mahicanituck, now known as the Hudson.

What is the Giant really?

What was important to the Natives telling this tale?

Anthony's Nose! - is historic fiction meeting a Washington Irving tall tale. Peter Stuyvesant arrived to New Amsterdam vowing to treat colonists "like children". The story notes the real changes Old Peg Leg made, and the fanciful way the people reacted.

What Did Stuyvesant Change?

Donder um Blixsum means?

Fifty Sail on Newburgh Bay - Pete Seeger the famous folk musician and river protector adapted this song about sailing ships call Sloops. Sing along

What did the Sloops carry on the river?

The Imp of Donderberg - is a freely adapted legend from Washington Irving and many local sources.

Dutch sailors believed they had to shorten their sails after Croton Point. River imps would sink your ship if you did not tip your hat to them while sailing north. What made sailors believe there are imps?

Yankee Doodle (1755-1783) Written by British Dr. Richard Shuckberg at Fort Crailo, the song teased poor American soldiers, In 1775 more verses were added by the British to tease Americans.

What is a Yankee?

A Macaroni?

Why did the Americans turn this song around and sing it proudly?

Washington's Watch Chain in 1777 British troops cut through a "Yankee Pumpkin Vine," but later "Washington's Watch Chain" held together the new U.S.A. How?

Fulton's Folly & the Steamboat Song in 1807, on the Hudson, Robert Fulton started the 1st successful steamboat line. The song lists various kinds of boats found on the river in the late 19th century. There's lots of funny lyrics and chances for kids to give steam boat toots!

How did the steamboat change the way people travel?

River Shanties Are the authentic work songs sung on big sailing ships to keep the work moving along at a steady pace. The kids will do some song work too!

Make up a class work shanty for doing homework.

The River That Flows Both Ways - is a contemporary folk song written by Rick Nestler. It tells listeners of all those who came to the river. Native peoples, Explorers, Traders Trappers, Settlers, Patriots, Painters, Writers, Industrialists, Environmentalists. It's got a catchy chorus. "We could be happy, just spending our days on the river that flows both ways." What would you like to do or go see on the Hudson?

Write a persuasive letter to a faraway friend about what you learned. Persuade them to visit the Hudson. Include three things learned from the performance.



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