

Maritime History and Literacy Curriculum

Penobscot Marine Museum's Curriculum was created by museum staff and has been field tested for two years in RSU#20's After School Program. Museum Education Director Betty Schopmeyer, MA, CCC-SLP, the primary author of the Curriculum, is a retired Speech/Language Pathologist with many years of experience in classroom language and literacy services as well as curriculum creation

"The curricula offered by Penobscot Marine Museum in our afterschool programs has helped the program to achieve its goal of improving student academic achievement. This is evident by the students' increased vocabulary and improved awareness of the geography of their area...industry, local Native American history, the shipping industry, and what it was like to live here 200 years ago. Our afterschool program has been so pleased with the learning that has resulted from these high quality lessons..."



RSU#20 After School Program Administrator

Penobscot Marine Museum is the oldest maritime museum in Maine. Founded in 1936, it comprises 13 buildings in downtown Searsport, Maine, eight of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum offers exhibits and activities in all aspects of maritime history and present day maritime topics. For more information, visit:

our main website:

www.penobscotmarinemuseum.org

our education website:

www.penobscotbayhistory.org

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Penobscot Marine Museum's Maritime History and Literacy Curriculum

A new Curriculum is now available from Penobscot Marine Museum's Education Department. It consists of 16 units, each with 6 weeks of lesson plans. Lessons address maritime content, and include integrated language and literacy skills. The Curriculum uses high-interest, motivating activities. Lessons feature hands-on projects, specially designed games, books, reading, writing, listening and speaking activities, phonology components, and assessment protocols.

Grade Level: Each unit includes flexible content and skill expectations for two levels of presentation: younger and older elementary students.

Maine Learning Results: Each unit provides relevant Learning Results for both maritime content and English/Language Arts.

Curriculum Units

Unit 1: Where Are We?

Local geography and landmarks

Unit 2: Our Towns

Basic facts, individualized to towns

Unit 3: Maine's Native Americans: Past

Unit 4: Maine's Native Americans: Today

Unit 5: The Explorers Come to Maine

What were they looking for and what did they find?

Unit 6: Maine's Riches: Fish-Part 1

Marine life and classifications

Unit 7: Maine's Riches: Fish-Part 2

The commercial fisheries

Unit 8: Maine's Riches: Fish-Part 3

Fishing communities

Unit 9: Maine's Riches: Fish-Part 4

Lobstering

Unit 10: Maine's Riches: Trees

Lumber and Paper

Unit 11: Maine's Riches: Trees to Ships

Shipbuilding

Unit 12: Maine's Riches: Ice and Granite

Unit 13: Life at Sea

Unit 14: Life on Shore in Maritime Communities

Unit 15: Maine and the Orient-Part 1

Economics

Unit 16: Maine and the Orient-Part 2

Culture

Literacy

Literacy is essential to the future of every student in every area of study. It rests on a foundation of competent and flexible language skill, which then translates to printed language, or reading. Our Curriculum reinforces many skills, from basic phonological awareness and vocabulary, through higher level linguistic skills such as idioms, multiple meanings, and definitions.

Information on Content and Access

The **Curriculum** is available by individual unit to classrooms and out of school time learning sites.

For more information on content and how to access the Curriculum, contact:

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