

EL/Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name: Fostoria City School

Staff Responsible for Lesson: Anitha Thomas

Date(s) Used	5/9/12
Civics Category	III.U.S History and Government and Citizenship Preparation
Civics Objective	2. Government and Law: Identify people and events in local, state, and/or federal history Fostoria Railroad history
Time Frame to Complete Lesson	2 hours
EFL(s)	1-5
Standard(s)	Listening, Reading, Writing
Benchmark(s)	L1.2,2.2,3.2,4.2,5.2 R1.2,2.2,3.2,4.2,5.2 R1.2,2.2,3.2,4.2,5.2 W1.2,2.2,3.2,4.2,5.2
Materials	<p style="text-align: center;">Dictionary, handouts, and computer with internet connection</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pictures and maps from Fostoria Rail Preservation Society www.fostoriairontriangle.com</p>
Activities	<p><i>Pre-lesson to guest speaker from Fostoria Rail Preservation Society.</i></p> <p>Look at the announcement by Fostoria Rail Preservation Society online. Discuss the history of railways in Fostoria. Help student share their knowledge about trains and railways.</p> <p>Students from 5/9/12 class watch the You-Tube videos and discuss the importance of railways in Fostoria from 18th century.</p> <p>Read the handout on Rail City, review the vocabulary and answer the questions.</p>
Assessment/Evidence	Discussion and questions about the topic.

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	<p>Worksheet completion working in pairs.</p> <p>Follow up: visit the RPS and write about the experience or bring pictures and talk about the event.</p>
Reflection	<p>Ellen from Fostoria Rail Preservation Society gave an excellent presentation to our students in 5/10/12 class. She talked about the rail history with pictures and maps from 1854. She explained to the class about how the control tower directs the train traffic in downtown Fostoria which is called the "Iron Triangle'.</p> <p>Students were surprised to learn that trains were a big part of a very small town. Time line was hard to follow with just the readings, but videos and pictures made it so much more fun and easy to follow. Ellen arranged pictures of trains and depots to create a visual timeline. Everyone thanked her for taking time to come to our class to teach about trains.</p>

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Rail City

Fostoria, named for Charles Foster, was formed in 1854 when the villages of Rome and Risdon officially united. Railroad history in Fostoria is interesting. First to arrive was the Lake Erie and Western Railroads in the 1850's. In 1899, this railroad was taken over by New York Central and then by Nickel Plate in 1922.

The Columbus and Toledo Rail came through Fostoria in 1872. In 1881, this railroad became the Toledo and Central Ohio Railroad (Taco). Later on, this line was taken over by the New York Central Railroad.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad arrived in Fostoria in 1873. One of the last railroads to come to Fostoria was Mansfield, Cold Water, and Lake Michigan railroads.

Intercity train lines arrived in Fostoria around 1900 and ran until around 1930. The Toledo, Findlay, and Fostoria Railway Company ran between these cities. This company also opened an intercity rail line to Tiffin and Freemont. When cars became popular and more and more people preferred the convenience of driving, intercity trains lost its purpose and faded out of the railroad scene.

All the other small rail lines were consolidated and purchased by major rail lines. In 1998, all the rail lines were acquired by CSX and Norfolk Southern (NS). Today CSX and NS are the only two remaining railroads that run through Fostoria.

On an average, about one hundred trains go through Fostoria every day. Two CSX main lines, two other CSX lines, and two NS main lines intersect in downtown Fostoria. This area is called the "Iron Triangle" of Fostoria.

VOCABULARY

Intercity:	between cities
Consolidate:	join together
Purchase:	buy
Acquire:	get
Remain:	to stay

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TIME LINE

1850 -----

1872-----

1881-----

1900-----

1922-----

1930-----

1998-----

2012-----

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1. When was the city of Fostoria formed?
2. Who is Fostoria is named for?
3. What is the Iron Triangle?
4. Which two rail lines run through Fostoria today?
5. About how many trains go through Fostoria every day?
6. Do you like travelling by trains?
7. Is travelling by train common in your home country?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJwCGQ6K4rA&feature=results_video&playnext=1&list=PLCC7EFCED163AC3D4