

# World Canals Lesson Vocabulary

## Social Studies Grades 6 & 7

Barge	a boat with a flat bottom used to carry loads on canals and rivers.
Canal	a man-made waterway built for shipping, navigation, hydro power, or irrigation.
Commerce	activities that relate to the buying and selling of goods and services
Generator	a machine that turns energy in motion into electricity.
Hydraulic Engineering	is the application of fluid mechanics principles to problems dealing with the collection, storage, control, transport, regulation, measurement, and use of water.
Isthmus	a narrow area of land that connects two larger land areas
Lock	a short confined section of a canal or other waterway in which the water level can be changed by the use of gates and sluices, used for raising and lowering vessels between two gates.
Maritime	of or relating to sailing on the sea or doing business (such as trading) by sea
Province	any one of the large parts that some countries are divided into
Sluice gate	a gate that opens to allow water to flow in and out of locks.
Turbine	machines that use water or steam to produce motion.