



AUGUSTA CANAL
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

GSE Social Studies Lesson Plan

General Information

Grade Level	Grade 7
GSE Standards	<p>SS7G5 Locate selected features in Southwest Asia (Middle East).</p> <p>a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Euphrates River, Jordan River, Tigris River, Suez Canal, Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.</p> <p>b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Gaza Strip, and West Bank.</p> <p>SS7G7 Explain the impact of location, climate, physical characteristics, distribution of natural resources, and population distribution on Southwest Asia (Middle East).</p> <p>a. Describe how the deserts and rivers of Southwest Asia (Middle East) impact trade and affect where people live.</p> <p>Maps Skills: use a map to explain impact of geography on historical and current events</p>
Lesson Title	Canal Comparisons
Inquiry Question	How are the Augusta Canal, and Suez Canal alike and how are they different? What were their economic impacts?
Overarching Question	Explain how physical features impact how and why communities exist.
Lesson Duration	Pre-visit classroom activity, trip, & post-visit classroom activity.

Lesson Plan Activity Outline

Day 1 Classroom Previsit	Discuss vocabulary	Watch video on the history of the Suez Canal
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Day 2 Canal Visit Field Trip	Boat ride/	Discovery Center-History Lab Venn Diagram
Day 3 Classroom Post-visit	Stem Project Build a Canal	Stem project presentation