

Post-Visit
Read All About It!

“In Your Own Words”
Classroom Newspaper Writing Activities

“The South’s Oldest Newspaper,” *The Augusta Chronicle*, has provided news and a place for “free and ample discussion of topics” in our community for over 200 years! Travel through time and become a 19th century newspaper writer. Research the Augusta Canal’s history on-line or refer to *The Brightest Arm of the Savannah* by Dr. Ed Cashin. Use the information you find and your imagination to complete one of the writing activities below.

<http://www.augustacanal.com/history.html>

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org>

“In Your Own Words” Activities:

- 1.) The first paragraph of a newspaper article answers the five w’s: who, what, where, when, and why. Compose the headline and the first paragraph of an article that could have appeared in the *Augusta Chronicle* when one of these events took place:
 - Henry Cumming’s canal proposal to the city of Augusta
 - Colonel Rains’ selection of Augusta as the site of the Confederate Powder Works
 - The opening of the Enterprise, Sibley or King Mill along the banks of the Augusta Canal
 - The use of water power from the canal to bring electricity to Augusta

- 2.) In a newspaper editorial, a writer voices his or her opinion on an issue. Write an editorial expressing the opinion of an Augustan who was either strongly in favor, or strongly opposed, to the construction of the Augusta Canal.

- 3.) Write a “want ad” for workers to come to Augusta and take part in the canal’s construction.