



**AUGUSTA CANAL**  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

**GSE Social Studies Lesson Plan**

**General Information**

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>
<b>GSE Standards</b>	<b>SS6G1 Locate selected features of Latin America.</b> <b>a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Amazon River, Amazon Rainforest, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, and Atacama Desert.</b> <b>b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama.</b>
<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Canal Comparisons</b>
<b>Inquiry Question</b>	<b>How are the Augusta Canal, and Panama Canal alike and how are they different? What were their economic impacts?</b>
<b>Overarching Question</b>	<b>Explain how physical features impact how and why communities exist.</b>
<b>Lesson Duration</b>	<b>Pre-visit classroom activity, trip, &amp; post-visit classroom activity.</b>

**Lesson Plan Activity Outline**

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