

## Erie Canal Edible Maps

Print an outline map of NY (available at NYS maps) on 8 ½ by 11 inch cardstock or onto copy paper and tape it onto cardboard. Cover the map with wax paper or clear plastic wrap. Use the social studies book atlas showing the route of the Erie Canal and other geographical features or project a map. List the geographical features to include in the map. You can make a key.

### Dough recipe (enough for 20 portions of 1/4 cup)

2 cups creamy peanut butter

2 ½ cups powdered milk

2 ½ cups powdered sugar

2 cups white corn syrup

Stir dry ingredients together. Add peanut butter and corn syrup. Mix thoroughly and when it becomes too difficult, knead by hand. Measure out ¼ cup portions and wrap individually in plastic wrap.

### Items for geographical features

**Bag up items for individual students-** feel free to change the food item

Red licorice for Erie Canal

Black licorice for major rivers of NY

Chocolate chips for Adirondacks and Catskills

M & Ms for Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Lockport, Buffalo & NYC

### Optional:

Mini-marshmallow for Niagara Falls

White chocolate chip for Mt Marcy

M & M for own city or town

**Share with group or partner- put out plastic knives, spoons or craft sticks to spread frosting**

Blue frosting for Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, Lake Champlain, Oneida Lake, and Atlantic Ocean

**Directions:** Use gloves and spread out the dough onto the map. Decorate the map. Wrap in plastic wrap to take home for dessert. A pizza box is a great way to get the map home. If not, use grocery bags and have kids hand carry the maps home. Share with the family for dessert!