

Ideas for the Vocabulary Book

In order to illustrate the book, you will need access to books about the Erie Canal or web access. Some words will be easier to find than others such as a waste weir or culvert.

There are two versions. The first book page version is the easier of the two. The second version adds synonyms and what the word is not. A thesaurus is helpful for synonyms but many words will not be in it so students will need to use their imaginations. For example, a synonym of Enlarged Canal could be the second canal. As with all activities, modeling really helps!

Cut up the vocabulary into slips and give one to each student or pair of students. Since there are many words, use your discretion about what words would be the best for your students.

Choose a student to design a cover for the book that can be stapled together, plastic spine bound, ringed or make a rubber band/stick book. Rubber band/stick book directions: Punch each page with 2 holes along the left side of each page and the front and back covers. Find a tree stick, chopstick or a pencil if the holes are closer than the length of the pencil. The stick is placed on top of the book evenly over the holes. Next, feed the rubber band from the back through the top hole and stretch it onto the stick. Repeat at the lower hole.

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