

DeWitt Clinton - Worksheet

Read the Famous New Yorker profile of DeWitt Clinton. Then answer the following questions.

1. How did Clinton become Mayor of New York City? And, how is that different from today's process of choosing a mayor?
2. How many times was DeWitt Clinton elected as Governor of New York State? And when?
3. When DeWitt Clinton ran for president, who defeated him? When?
4. What was Clinton's greatest accomplishment during his years of public service?
5. What war delayed the construction of the Erie Canal?
6. Looking at a detailed map of New York State, how far away is Little Britain from your hometown?

Newspaper Tie-In

The Erie Canal permanently changed New York State and influenced the growth of New York City as a center for world trade. Many smaller communities and cities were also affected by the canal. Look through the newspaper for stories on public works projects currently being proposed or worked on in your area. Write an opinion on how you think one of these projects will affect people nearby.

Write a proposal for a new park, roadway, bridge or public building project that would improve your local community.