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The Toll House

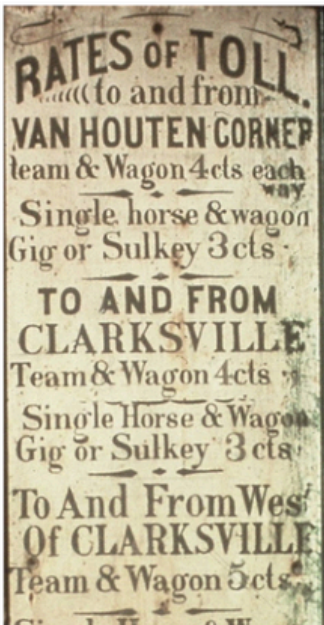


This is the toll house on the Nyack Turnpike in 1875, many years after the time we are talking about. It is very similar to how a toll house and turnpike would have been in the 18th century. You can see the toll house gate. It is behind the wooden fence.

What else do you observe about this photograph of the toll house, too?

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Rates of Toll



This is a toll marker that was on the Toll House in Nyack, Rockland County. It was made of wood. The tolls were collected by the Nyack Turnpike Commission, who paid to have the road built. They used the tolls to repair and maintain the road.



1. What do you observe about this toll marker?

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New Roads



Based on the text, what type of road do you think this is?

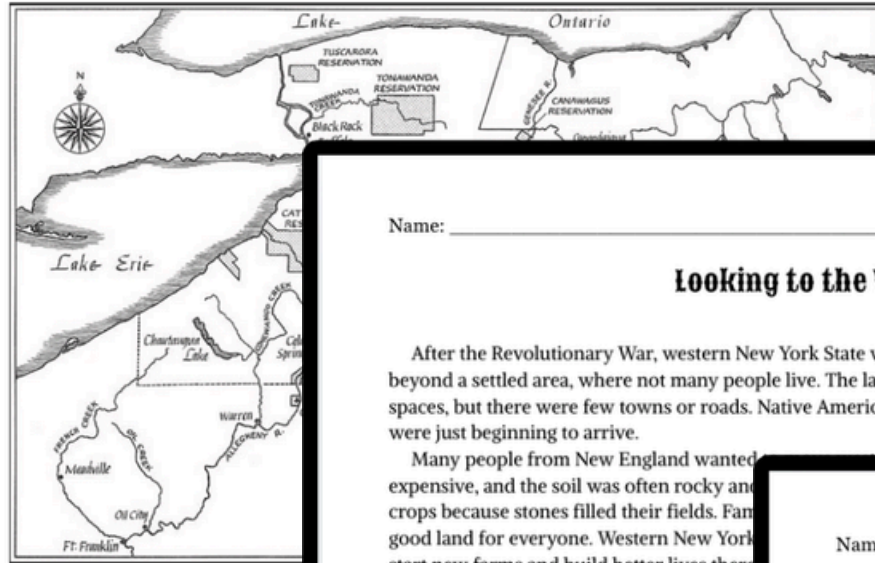
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The Big Tree Treaty - Reservation Map

The map below shows the land reserved (reservations) in the Big Tree Treaty.

Directions: Circle the treaty line. Highlight the reserved land on the map below that is listed in the treaty.



1. Thinking about the physical features of the land, what do you think about the reserved land?

2. Thinking about the land in these areas, what do you think about the reserved land?

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Looking to the West

After the Revolutionary War, western New York State was a frontier. A frontier is a place that lies beyond a settled area, where not many people live. The land was filled with forests, rivers, and open spaces, but there were few towns or roads. Native American nations lived there, and new settlers were just beginning to arrive.

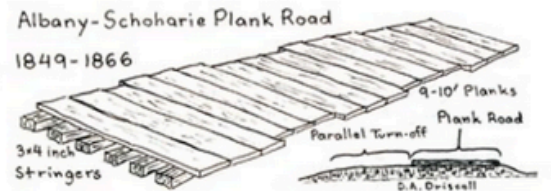
Many people from New England wanted to settle in western New York. The land was expensive, and the soil was often rocky and poor for crops because stones filled their fields. Farmers wanted good land for everyone. Western New York had good land for everyone. Western New York had good land for everyone. People from New York City also wanted to settle in western New York.

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Land Deals

Informational text with comprehension questions.

Primary sources with guiding questions. Keys provided



Why do you think the road above was compared to this type of fabric?

The sketch above is of a plank road. How is it different from the other road shown? Why would it be better?

Why was western New York considered a frontier?

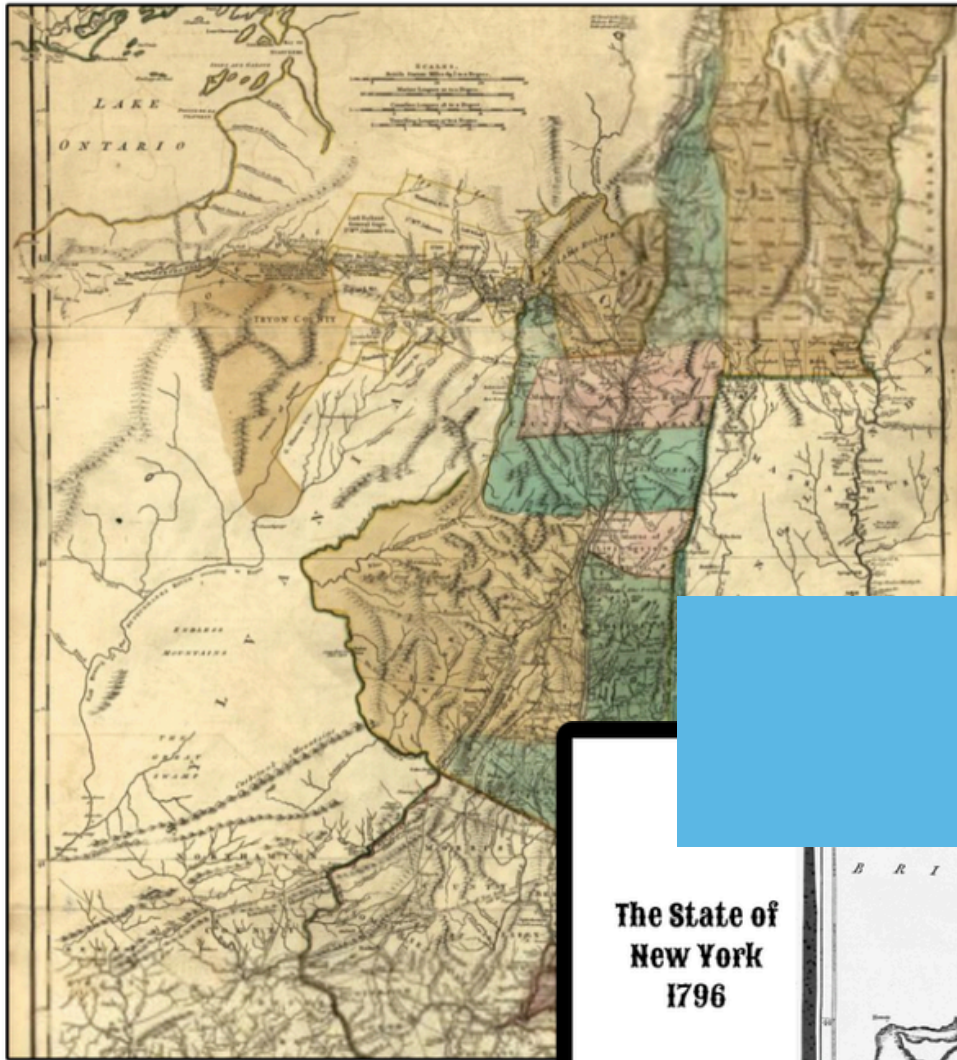
These discussions led to important meetings among the Haudenosaunee, especially the Seneca Nation, about what to do with their remaining land. Seneca leaders had different opinions about possible land sales. Chief Cornplanter believed that selling some land could provide money to help his people adapt to new conditions. He supported using the money to buy farming tools, seeds, cattle, and to build things like grist mills, which could grind corn into flour and support food production.

including leaders and clan mothers, attended. At this meeting, a large amount of Seneca land was sold to the Holland Land Company, a group of European investors who planned to divide the land and sell it to settlers. Some land and money were set aside for the Haudenosaunee at places such as Buffalo Creek. Western New York continued to attract settlers looking for land and new opportunities. Although life on the frontier was challenging, many people moved there and helped build new towns and communities.

The Haudenosaunee were not in agreement about selling their land. What did each chief below believe about the sale of the land?

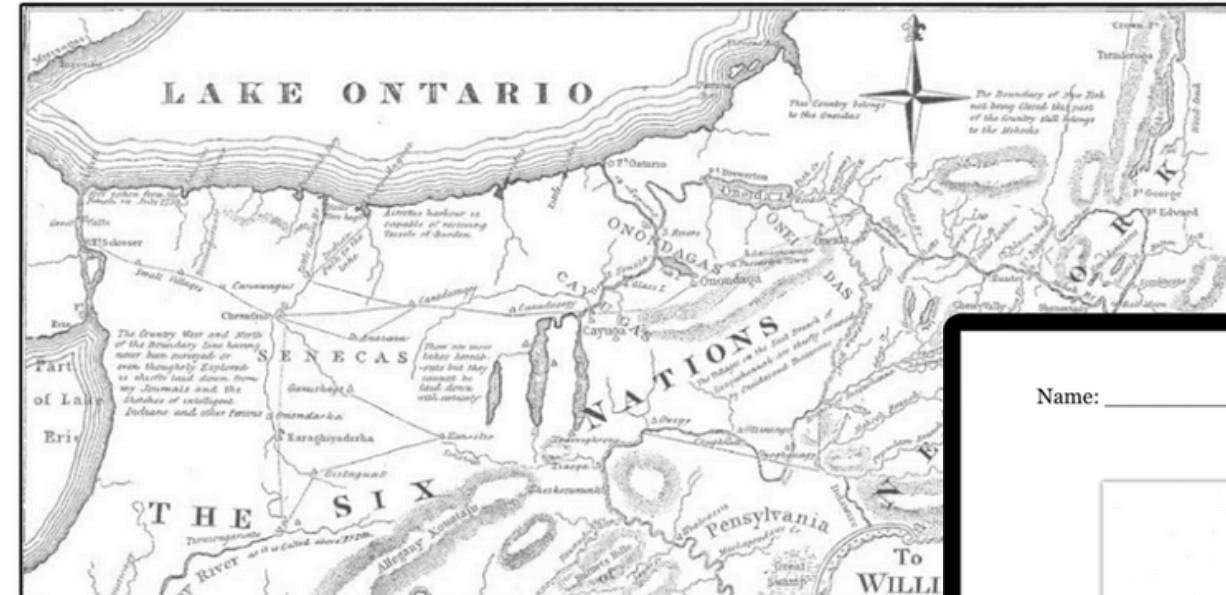
Chief Red Jacket	
Chief Cornplanter	

“The provinces of New York and New Jersey; with part of Pensilvania [sic], and the Province of Quebec”



Source: Library of Congress - <https://www.loc.gov/resource/s99a020e0-3407/>

To His Excellency William Tryon Esq Captain and General & Governor in Chief of the Province of New York of the Country of the VI Nations by Guy Johnson 1771



Maps to analyze.

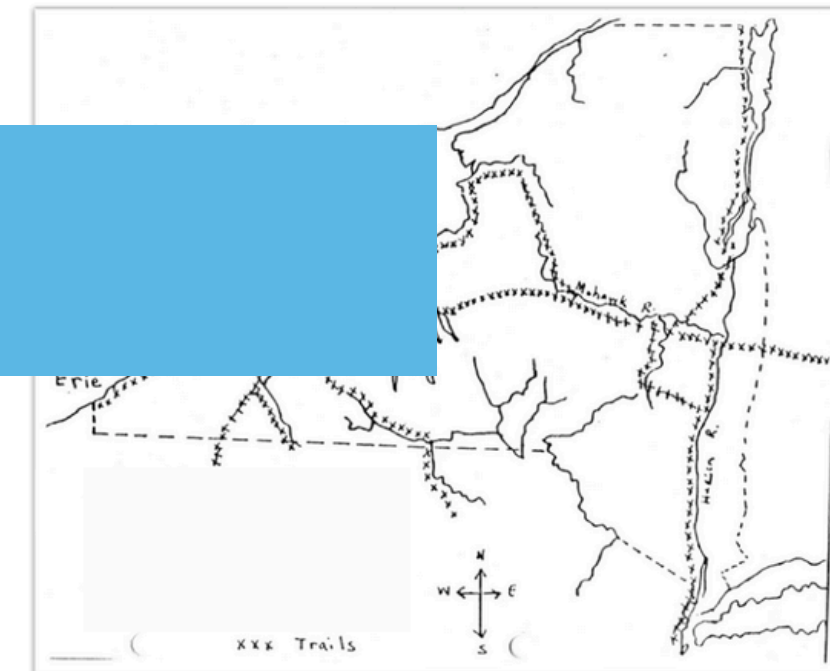
The State of New York 1796



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Old Trails Map



Take a look at the map above. The XXX mark Haudenosaunee and other Native American trails.

1. What do you notice about where the trails are located?

2. Thinking about New York State's geography, why do you think the trails were located where they are on this map?

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Westward Movement Land & Roads Key Points

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Ticket to Leave

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Things I learned from the primary sources...

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Thing I still wonder about...

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8. How did companies pay for the roads they built?

9. Why were these roads called "turnpikes"?

4. What was agreed to in the Treaty of Big Tree?

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1. List three reasons people wanted to move into western New York.



3. Where were most Native American trails in New York State?



3. What did each of these Chiefs think about selling Seneca Land?

Chief Red Jacket	
Chief Cornplanter	

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below. Draw a picture of it in the box.

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Keypoints Summary Ticket to Leave

Summative Assessment for 4.6a