

Connecting the Objects: Creating the Big Picture

1. Harmony Mills, beyond the fabric: The construction of the No. 3 Mill at the Harmony Mills complex had effects on other people and industries that were highlighted in these 50 Objects. Look deeper at the other objects and see if you can discover these links.
 - a. What significant discovery was made while excavating the site for the construction of the No. 3 Mill?

 - b. As the textile industry in Cohoes and Troy grew they needed to expand in size, and needed more equipment manufactured, this caused the growth of what other near-by industry?

2. Industry and War: Troy is home to two (2) industries that helped to supply American forces during wartime.
 - a. What geographic feature allowed Troy to easily help the wartime cause even when the fighting was hundreds of miles away?

 - b. What were the two (2) industries that helped supply American forces, and what conflicts were they active during?
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____

3. Human Migration: The story of the Capital Region is full of people who moved here to make a new life, either from other countries or from other parts of the United States.
 - a. Identify three (3) individuals who moved to the region and where they came from.
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____

4. Consider the Dutch and the Rapp Road Community, both moved to the Capital Region in large numbers, what similarities exist between these groups?

What impact do they have still today on the Region?

5. Transportation Revolutions: From horses to modern automobiles transportation has continued to evolve. What did each shift in transportation try to improve?

Why are these changes important to the industries and people of the Capital Region?

6. Looking at the Collection, identify three (3) major shifts in how goods were transported, then explain how this was an improvement from earlier times.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

7. Made in China! Today “Made in China” is on many things we as consumers buy, it is synonymous with mass produced goods; but in the 1700’s “Made in China” would have meant something very exotic. Look again at the Tea Cup and the image *The Return of the Experiment*, then consider the following questions:

- a. What was the *Economic* importance of Capt. Dean’s successful trip to China?

- b. What *Social* impact or importance would the goods from China have on the people who were involved in this trade?

- c. What were possible *Political* impacts of America entering into this global trade?

8. Preserving the Past: The Collection of 50 Capital Region Objects is filled with a variety of pieces that help to tell the story of the Region. Select one (1) object/ image that especially interested you and explain the following:

- a. What is it? _____

- b. What Collection is it part of? _____

- c. Why did you choose this object/ image? _____

- d. Why do you feel this object/ image is an important piece to the story of the Capital Region? _____
