



## Fort Stanwix in the Campaign of 1777

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<b>Essential Question</b>	Why was Fort Stanwix an important site during the American Revolution, and how did it influence events beyond New York?
<b>Educational Goal</b>	To understand the strategic importance of Fort Stanwix during the American Revolution and identify how geography, alliances, and military strategy influenced historical outcomes.
<b>New York State Learning Standards: Social Studies</b>	Standard 1 – History of the United States and New York Key Idea 3 (Grades 4–8): Study the major events and turning points of the American Revolution. Standard 3 – Geography Key Idea 1: Geography can be used to study the relationships between people, places, and environments.
<b>New York State Learning Standards: The Arts</b>	Grade 4: ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1, RI.4.7, SL.4.1 Grade 5: ELA-Literacy.RI.5.1, RI.5.7, SL.5.1 Grade 6: ELA-Literacy.RI.6.1, RI.6.7, SL.6.1 Grade 7–8: ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, RH.6-8.7, SL.8.1
<b>Behavioral Objectives</b>	<b>At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:</b>  1. Identify the location and purpose of Fort Stanwix during the American Revolution. 2. Explain why Fort Stanwix was strategically important to both British and Patriot forces. 3. Describe the role of alliances, including Native American nations, during the conflict. 4. Analyze how events at Fort Stanwix affected the broader outcome of the Revolutionary War.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Introduction to the American Revolution and British colonial history.
<b>Vocabulary</b>	<b>Fort</b> – A military structure designed for defense. <b>Strategic Location</b> – A place important for controlling movement or resources. <b>Alliance</b> – A partnership formed for a specific purpose, often military. <b>Patriots</b> – Colonists who supported independence from Great Britain. <b>Loyalists</b> – Colonists who remained loyal to Great Britain.
<b>Materials</b>	Teacher computer with internet access; projector or smartboard; Fort Stanwix Prezi presentation; student notebooks or paper; pencils or pens.

<b>Intro./Anticipatory</b> <b>Time: 5 – 10 minutes</b>	<p>As class begins, the teacher asks students why certain locations become important during wartime. Students share responses related to geography, transportation, and defense. The teacher introduces Fort Stanwix and explains that students will explore its importance during the American Revolution using a virtual museum lesson.</p>
<b>Development</b> <b>Time: 20 – 30 minutes</b>	<p>The teacher presents the Fort Stanwix Prezi, pausing at key points to guide discussion. Students examine the fort’s location, purpose, and role in the Revolutionary War. Guided questions encourage students to analyze geography, military strategy, and alliances highlighted throughout the presentation.</p>
<b>Closure</b> <b>Time: 5 minutes</b>	<p>The teacher presents the Fort Stanwix Prezi, pausing at key points to guide discussion. Students examine the fort’s location, purpose, and role in the Revolutionary War. Guided questions encourage students to analyze geography, military strategy, and alliances highlighted throughout the presentation.</p>
<b>Continued Learning</b> <b>Enrichment</b> <b>Activity</b>	<p>As an enrichment activity, students complete a Venn diagram graphic organizer comparing their own lives to the lives of people connected to Fort Stanwix during the American Revolution. Using information from the Prezi presentation, students reflect on similarities and differences between life today and life in the past.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify aspects of daily life during the Revolutionary War</li> <li>● Compare those experiences to their own lives today</li> <li>● Recognize how time period, environment, and historical events shape people’s lives</li> </ul> <p>This activity may be completed independently or in pairs and encourages students to make personal connections to historical content while deepening their understanding of Fort Stanwix’s historical context.</p>

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