

Subje ct	Social Studies	Grade Level	2nd
Unit Title	Historic New Harmony - Individuals that Impacted the Local Community		



Learning OutcomesList 1 to 2 outcomes/objectives addressed in this lesson and the Indiana College and Career Ready Academic Standards to which each objective is aligned. Indiana Standards are available at http://www.doe.in.gov/standards.

Teacher-Developed Outcomes/Objectives		Indiana College and Career Ready Academic Standards	
 Students will be able to identify actions that had a positive impact on the local community. 		2.1.3 – Identify actions and individuals who had a positive impact on the local community.	
2. Students will be able to identify individuals who had a positive impact on the local community.			
Assessmen †	Students will create their own utopia and write about three ways Robert Owen had a positive impact on New Harmony.		
Time Frame	1 hour		
Introducti on	(10 minutes) Today we are going to be talking about New Harmony, Indiana. Have any of you visited? It's a very fun place to go. The history, architecture, historic buildings, gardens, and nature trails are all reasons why people choose to visit. There are many different tours available for people to take ranging from guided walking tours to even ghost walks! We're going to watch a short documentary about Historic New Harmony. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jButQ3iH72M		
Lesson Body	Direct Instruction/Teacher Modeling: (15 minutes) Review what you learned as a class from the video and fill out the New Harmony graphic organizer. (Use the answer key) So, what did we learn from this video? We learned what a utopia is. In the dictionary, it is defined as an imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect. That would probably look a little different for each and every one of us! Sir Thomas Moore was the person who created this idea about 500 years ago. New Harmony was created in the hopes of creating a utopian society. Harmony was originally founded by a group of separatists from the German Lutheran church in the 19 th century. They were called the Harmonists. George Rapp founded New Harmony with the intent of a		

perfect society where everyone was equal and happy. Religion was the main focus of the Harmonists and they had aspects of it throughout everything they did. He sold the land to Robert Owen after 10 years in 1825. Robert Owen wanted to create a communal utopia that focused on developing sciences. He wanted to create a society with equality and personal gain through education. He also distinguished the equality between women and men and allowed both genders to lead lives in scientific fields and discoveries. Thomas Say did an extensive study of the mussels that were in the Wabash River in New Harmony. His book includes drawings and explanations of the things he found and studied. He also studied bugs and little creatures. The people who lived in New Harmony didn't perform well while working. This is what led to the downfall of Robert Owens' vision in just under 3 years.

George Rapp

Action:

- Led the Harmonie Society from 1785-1847, including their time in Indiana 1814-1824.
- Pursued a society of Christian perfection.
- The community produced a wide variety of goods of fine quality.

Impact:

- *Gained religious freedom.*
- Created a highly ordered and productive community.
- The community was entirely self-sufficient and sold their products throughout the US and overseas.
- Very strict and harsh religious rules.

Robert Owen

Action:

- Purchased New Harmony in 1825.
- Hoped to establish a community where education and social equality would flourish.

Impact:

- Residents made significant contributions to the fields of science and education.
- Ordered the building of a school.
- Brought change to labor laws with children.
- Stopped employing children under ten and reduced their labor to ten hours a day.
- Made a push towards women's rights and education.

Thomas Say

Action:

- Arrived in New Harmony in 1826.
- Continued his descriptions of insects and mollusks.

Impact:

- Described the firefly called the Pyractomena angulate in 1826.
- The firefly is nicknamed Say's Firefly, and it became Indiana's state insect when Governor Eric Holcomb signed it into legislation on March 23, 2018.

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	Architect's drawing of Robert Owen's vision of his utopian community: https://wps.ablongman.com/wps/media/objects/28/29256/timeline/visuals/visuals Reform 1.html Assessment: (30 minutes) I want all of you to create your own utopia. I'm going to give you construction paper, and you can draw and describe what your society would be like. What would it look like? What would the rules be? It's all up to you! Now that you have created your own utopia, I want you to turn your construction paper to the back side. I want you to write three things that Robert Owen did that had a positive impact on New Harmony.
Closure	(5 minutes) Today we learned about individuals who impacted our local community. Although Robert Owen's utopian society did not succeed, he impacted the community and the future in big ways. Would anyone like to share their utopia? Collect projects for assessment. Next class, we are going to learn about celebrations, symbols and traditions that are important to our community.
Planned Modifications	
Materials , Resource s, and Technolog y	Technology: Smart board/projector Materials: Pencil New Harmony graphic organizer Construction paper Markers/crayons Resources: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jButQ3iH72M https://wps.ablongman.com/wps/media/objects/28/29256/timeline/visuals/visuals Reform_1.html https://usi.edu/owen250
Research or Theoretic al Base	Integration of social studies with other areas of the curriculum; use of real-world reading (Best Practices, 2005).

Individuals that Impacted New Harmony, Indiana

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