

FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR TOWN

- For the rest of this section, you will use the internet resource list found in a separate file on this website.
- This resource file is arranged by county and then by town.
- Within each town listing are links to resources which can help you answer the following questions about your town.
- As you find the answers, write them down so you can share them with others.

WHAT DOES MY TOWN HAVE TO OFFER?

- The goal of this section is to research the questions, record your answer and then put all of it together to form a detailed picture of your town.
 - Where is your town and what are its boundaries?
 - What is the bedrock and mineral resources?
 - What are the mountains and valleys and where are they?
 - What kind of soil is normal for your town?
 - What are the drainage patterns; rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, sources of power?
 - What is the typical vegetation for your town?
 - What other creatures (animal, bird, fish, insect, etc.) share the environment?
 - What is the weather (short term) and climate (longer term) like?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

TOWN GEOGRAPHY

- What are the major geographic features of the town?
 - Lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks?
 - Mountains, valleys, chasms, swamps?
 - Soil type (sandy, loam, rocky, etc.)? Farming?
Orchards?
 - Minerals/mines?
 - Forests/lumbering?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

FIRST SETTLERS

- Who were the first settlers of your town?
 - When did they arrive?
 - Where in the town did they live?
 - What was their occupation?
 - Where did they come from?
 - Why did they move here?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

TOWN BOUNDARIES

- Was your town once part of another town? Which one?
- Were other towns once a part of your town? Which one(s)?
- Do any town boundaries follow natural features? (lakes, rivers, streams, mountains, etc.)
- What are the villages, hamlets, or cities within your township?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

TOWN HISTORY

- When was your town incorporated?
- Where does the name of your town come from?
- What were the most important industries or crops in the early history of the town? What are they today? If they changed, why?
- Were there famous people in your town? If so, who were they and why were they famous?

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN MY TOWNSHIP IN THE BEGINNING?

- Where did settlement occur?
- Who were the first settlers?
- What was happening in the area during the American revolution?
- Who from the town was involved in the American revolution?
- How did the town develop after the revolution?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

TRANSPORTATION

- Let's say you wanted to go from your town to visit a friend in Burlington or New York City. How would you get there? What types of transportation could you use?
 - In 1800?
 - In 1850?
 - In 1900?
 - In 1950?
 - Today?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

TOWN GOVERNMENT

- Who is your town supervisor?
- If your village has a mayor, who is it?
- Who is your town police chief?
- Who is your town highway superintendent?
- How often does each face election?

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

- What is the name of your school district? Who is the district supervisor?
- What colleges are in your town?
- What religious institutions are in your town?

MY VIEW OF MY NORTH COUNTRY TOWN

- What is my picture of the people, places, activities and institutions that existed during the early history of my town?
- How do I use my record of information and experiences?
- How can I communicate my findings?
- What was the feedback from classmates?
- What is missing from my report that should be added?
- What happened in my town up to the war of 1812 and beyond?
- What was happening in the 1830's?