

Using the Past to Move Your Classroom Forward: Settlement through Independence in Bergen County

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Resources for Teachers

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

- Local Historical Societies & Museums: http://bergencountyhistory.org/Pages/BCHS_Links.html
 - Local historical societies and museums have collections and events that can be incorporated into the curriculum. They are often eager to work with teachers and students. Extra credit for attendance at events can be just the incentive your students need.
- Libraries: For contact information and online catalog see www.bccls.org
 - Librarians are a great source of information and access to “hidden” collections (i.e. items not accessible through the online BCCLS catalog).
 - Bolger Heritage Center, Ridgewood Public Library has an extensive reference collection of New Jersey and Bergen County history books. www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/localhistory
- Genealogical Society of Bergen County (www.njgsbc.org) is based at the Bolger Heritage Center at the Ridgewood Public Library. Their programs are open to the public. In addition, they have a patron assistant program (to provide help at the Bolger Heritage Center) and a Speaker’s Bureau.
- Bergen County Historical Society: www.bergencountyhistory.org
The Society’s library collection is currently in storage. However, events, exhibits, and lectures are scheduled throughout the year.
- Municipal Historians: Many towns have officially designated historians. Call the town clerk or check the list at www.co.bergen.nj.us/DocumentCenter/View/1258.
- Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs: <http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/Index.aspx?NID=600>
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ONLINE RESOURCES

- New Jersey Digital Highway <http://njdigitalhighway.org>
- New Jersey State Archives: Image Collections www.nj.gov/state/archives/searchimgcollections.html
- Bergen County Historical Society www.bergencountyhistory.org. Articles at bottom of the main page
- New Jersey Women’s History <http://www.njwomenshistory.org/index.htm>
- Links to Bergen County maps: www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/localhistory/Bergen_maps.htm
- Library of Congress: Teachers www.loc.gov/teachers
- Patents:
 - Search for patents at www.google.com/patents
 - Find the digitized patent application using the patent number at <http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/patimg.htm>
- NJ Inventors Hall of Fame <http://www.njinvent.org/index> (Past Winners and Publications)

NEWSPAPERS: THE FIRST DRAFT OF HISTORY

- Town Newspapers:
 - Check with local public libraries and historical societies
 - Consult *Directory of New Jersey newspapers, 1765-1970*: although it gives the 1970 location, it is often helpful in identifying local newspapers and where they might be
- County Newspapers:

<i>Bergen County Democrat</i> , 1861-1919, microfilm	Ridgewood PL, Johnson PL
<i>Hackensack Republican</i> , 1878-1938, microfilm	Ridgewood PL, Johnson PL
<i>Record</i> , 1901-present, microfilm	Johnson Public Library
<i>Record</i> , 1970-2013, microfilm	Ridgewood Public Library
<i>Record</i> , 1901-1922, 1955-present?, microfilm	Bergen Community College Library
<i>Record</i> , 1924-1994, microfilm	Ramapo College Library
<i>Record</i> , 1996-present, full-text & searchable, no images , BCCLS, Custom Newspapers	www.bccls.org
- National Newspapers:
 - Proquest Historical New York Times <http://catalog.bccls.org/polaris/search/misc/esources.aspx>
 - Access Newspaper Archives (database available at Ridgewood Public Library)
 - Chronicling America, digitized newspapers: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

SELECTED BCCLS MATERIALS ON NEW JERSEY 350TH ANNIVERSARY THEMES

HISTORY & REFERENCE

<i>New Jersey Legacy</i> , 10 episodes on DVD		
Teacher's guide www.nj.gov/state/historical/pdf/teachers-nj-legacy-guide.pdf		2003
Lurie, M. N. & R. Veit, eds.	<i>New Jersey: A History of the Garden State</i>	2012
Lurie, Maxine N., ed.	<i>A New Jersey Anthology</i>	1994
McCormick, Richard P.	<i>New Jersey, from Colony to State, 1609-1789</i>	1981
Lurie, M. N. & J. R. Walroth, eds.	<i>The Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, 1685-1794</i> , 4 volumes	
Nelson, William, ed.	<i>New Jersey Archives, Newspaper Extracts</i>	
Green, Howard L.	<i>Words that Make New Jersey History</i>	1995
Sinclair, Donald	<i>New Jersey Biographical Index</i>	1993

DIVERSITY

AAUW	<i>Ladies at the Crossroads: Eighteenth Century Women of New Jersey</i>	1978
Bischoff, Henry	<i>A New Wave of Immigration in New Jersey, Diversity and Vitality, 1940-2009</i>	2010
Cunningham, Barbara, ed.	<i>The New Jersey Ethnic Experience</i>	1977
Hodges, Graham	<i>Black Resistance in Colonial and Revolutionary Bergen County, New Jersey</i>	1989
Hodges, Graham Russell	<i>Root & Branch: African Americans in New York and East Jersey, 1614-1863</i>	1999
Starr, Dennis J.	<i>The Italians of New Jersey: A Historical Introduction and Bibliography</i>	1985
Wright, Kevin	<i>1609: A Country That Was Never Lost</i>	2009

INNOVATION

Armstrong, H. & Tom Wilk	<i>New Jersey Firsts: The Famous, Infamous, and Quirky of the Garden State</i>	1999
Barth, Linda J.	<i>A History of Inventing in New Jersey: From Thomas Edison to the Ice Cream Cone</i>	2013
Pierce, J. R. & A. G. Tressler	<i>The Research State: A History of Science in New Jersey</i>	1964
Reilly, H. V. Pat	<i>From the Balloon to the Moon: New Jersey's Amazing Aviation History</i>	1997

LIBERTY

Bilby, Joseph G. , ed.	<i>New Jersey Goes to War: Biographies of 150 New Jerseyans...</i>	2010
Jackson, William J.	<i>New Jerseyans in the Civil War: For Union and Liberty</i>	2000
Karels, Carol, ed.	<i>The Revolutionary War in Bergen County: The Times That Tried Men's Souls</i>	2007
Marchant, Barbara Z., ed.	<i>Revolutionary Bergen Coutny: The Road to Independence</i>	2009
Mitnick, Barbara J., ed.	<i>New Jersey in the American Revolution</i>	2005
Bilby, Joseph G.	<i>"Freedom to All": New Jersey's African-American Civil War Soldiers</i>	2011
Braisted, Todd W.	<i>Bergen County Voices from the American Revolution: Soldiers and Residents in Their Own Words</i>	2012
Gerlach, Larry R.	<i>New Jersey in the American Revolution, 1763-1783: A Documentary History</i>	1975

SELECTED BOOKS ON NEW JERSEY HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Doak, Robin	<i>Voices from Colonial America: New Jersey, 1609-1776</i>	2005
Fradin, Dennis B.	<i>The New Jersey Colony</i>	1991
Livingston, Rosa A.	<i>Turkey Feathers: Tales of Old Bergen County</i>	1963
Streissguth, Thomas	<i>The Thirteen Colonies: New Jersey</i>	2002
Topper, F. & C. A. Wills	<i>A Historical Album of New Jersey</i>	1995
Stewart, Mark	<i>Heinemann State Studies: New Jersey History</i>	2004

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