



Unit 1: History, Politics and Trade of the Times

Explore the Great Lakes aboard the 19th century sloop Friends Good Will. The lessons in this unit focus on the themes of expansionism, trade, and exploration. Students will use their imaginations, map reading skills, and creative writing to synthesize the history of the turbulent times of the War of 1812 .

Lessons:

- The Great Lakes Journey**
- The Great Lakes Highway**
- War on the Great Lakes**

Use the story at the beginning of each lesson to set the stage for students. Help students visualize the events of the story by asking them to draw images from the story or write about a memorable moment and how they might have felt.

Help students keep organized by asking them to create a folder to keep all of their *Friends Good Will* work in.



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