

## What's Inside This Booklet?



### New York Geographic Alliance

The *Geographic Lessons for the Atlas of New York: Legacies of the Erie Canal* has four sections:

1. These are **introductory materials**. First, there is an article written by Timothy McDonnell on the Erie Canal and other features of New York from a geographer's perspective. Then there is a simple (but effective) lesson on creating landforms by crumpling up a piece of paper. It helps to set the tone for the lessons that follow. And, since most teachers in the state need to follow the Social Studies Framework, we have included the descriptions of the geographic practices from the New York State Department of Education.
2. This section contains **fourteen lessons** on a variety of topics. All the lessons are tied to the *Atlas of New York: Legacies of the Erie Canal*. If you need a copy of the atlas, contact the NYGA Office (<http://www.nygeographicalliance.org>). If you are a member, you can get one for free.
3. This third section contains an assessment activity, *Economic Frustrations in Mud Village*, written by Donald Gates, a high school teacher from Syracuse, NY. Students role-play different groups of people in "Mud Village" that have transportation problems. They need to work together to solve the problem.
4. Finally, we have **resources available for teachers** to help them to make this module work for them and their students. Some of them are listed here. They include Story Maps, using ArcGIS Online. Many materials are available from the New York Geographic Alliance website.