

Teacher Professional Development Programs with Edward T. O'Donnell, Ph.D.

The Making of the Empire City, 1800-1860

In 1800 New York City trailed Boston and Philadelphia in population and economic activity, but by 1860 it stood supreme as America's "Empire City." What happened in these years that allowed NYC to surge ahead of its competitors to become (and remain) the nation's foremost city?

Walking Tour Options: South Street Seaport Area, The Lower East Side, Central Park.

This presentation, augmented with more than 75 visuals, examines the following:

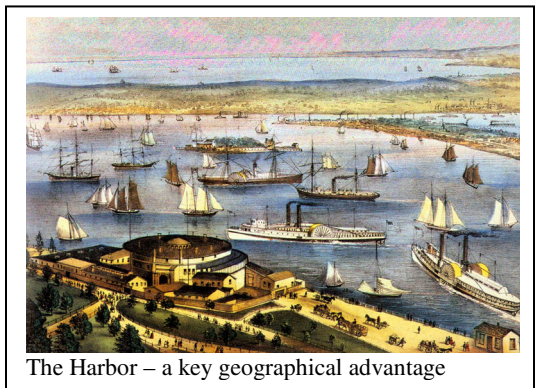
- the geographical advantages of New York's harbor and waterways
 - the impact of the Erie Canal
 - the role of immigration in population and economic growth
 - the development of an entrepreneurial culture
- how New York leaders confronted and solved critical urban problems such as epidemic disease and fire.

About the Presentation:

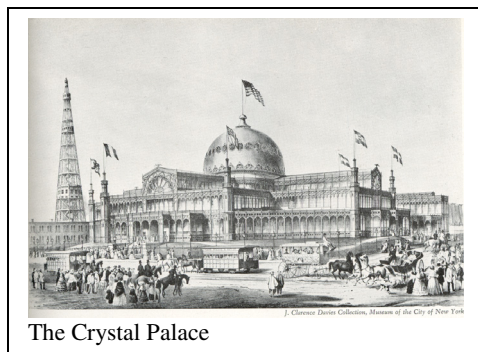
Today's students are visual and interactive learners – and so are their teachers. Consequently, this multimedia presentation is built around 75-100 unique and carefully selected visuals, including vintage photographs, etchings, maps, cartoons, and documents (samples appear on this page). O'Donnell uses them to enhance a lively and interactive presentation. Ample time is allotted for Q & A, but O'Donnell always welcomes questions at any time during the session.

Benefits for your teachers:

- a renewed and/or deepened awareness of topic's **essential content**.
- an enhanced understanding of the topic's critical **questions, concepts, and ideas**.
- new ideas for finding and using **primary sources** and developing DBQ's, simulations, projects, debates, and field trip preparation.



The Harbor – a key geographical advantage

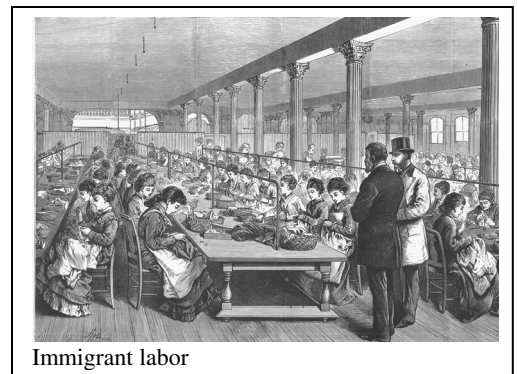


The Crystal Palace

Programming Options:

- Time Flexibility – all presentations and workshops can be tailored to meet your needs, from 1 to 3 hours.
- Pedagogy Workshops – O'Donnell is also available to lead workshops on primary sources, DBQ's, simulations, projects, and debates.
- Walking Tours & Historic Site Visits - O'Donnell has led thousands – just ask!

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Immigrant labor