

Steamboats!

Purpose: Introduce students to the importance of steamboats in our nation's history and recognize that Philippine traveled on one of the earliest Pre-Civil War steamboats.

1. Introduce steamboats with the following short YouTube video.

Robert Fulton Invents the Steamboat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZA0f-B-JTWE>

2. Divide the class into pairs. After the short presentation on steamboats, have students choose a specific topic to research. Students will share their knowledge as a mini-lesson to the rest of the class.

Topic Research Suggestions

Robert Fulton

Boiler explosion

Other dangers of steamboat travel

Types of steamboats:

Showboats

Packets

Snagboats

Fuelers

Towboats

William Henry

Robert Livingston

Decks on ships

Engine design

Steamboat fuel

Working on a steamboat

Cost of steamboat travel

Pre-Civil War steamboat travel

Post-Civil War steamboat travel

River vs. Seafaring steamboat travel

Effect on: Passenger travel, warfare, cargo transportation