

## Interdisciplinary Projects with Local Primary Sources - Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Project Title (years)	Teachers/Classes Involved	Local Connections - Historical & Modern	Discipline-Specific Topic	Primary Sources & Uses
Wilder Homestead (2022, 23)	Grade 5 Team HS History Curriculum Director	Nolumbeka Project Experts in crafts & other cultural	Colonial Life in New England	Diary entries and other written descriptions from local colonists
Whales in New England (2023, 24)	Marine Biology, 11-12 US History, 10	New England's foundation on whaling, importance of whale oil in the colonies, current importance of conservation and marine tourism in Massachusetts	Marine Biology: marine mammals, species, whale watch History: Whaling industry, development of regional colonial economies	Images of whale ships, written descriptions of whaling, maps Biological diagrams of different kinds of whales, current tourism advertisements, images and maps of whale watches
New England Dairy Farmers (2022)	Capstone - 12th grade	Focus on local dairy industry from its peak through its current decline	Student designed project on the efforts at adaptation to save the local dairy industry	Images of local dairy farms from the WPA collection Excerpts from histories of New England farming and dairy.
Needs of Local Refugees (2022)	Civic Action - 10th grade	Current refugee migration and rhetoric in the historical context of local and national immigration history	Student-Led civic action about addressing needs of refugees	Primary sources about immigrant communities in the region, setting historical context for current immigration debates
Braiding Sweetgrass (2023, 24)	Biology, Civic Action	Local climate & agriculture (maple), importance of trees, variety, climate; in Civic Action - considering different understandings of citizenship	Civics - Maple Nation; defining communities and citizenship Biology - indigenous agricultural practices	Interviews from Nolumbeka Project, work with local groups and artisans (identified in Wilder Homestead project) Artifacts like woven baskets Field trip to local maple sugar farm
??? (2023, 24)	AP Environmental Science	Teachers are discussing connections!		
??? (2023, 24)	Bioethics	Teachers are discussing connections!		