

**The DBQ was created by Penny Mills and Jennifer Roden from A.A. Gates Elementary School in Port Byron. Thank you for sharing this wonderful activity!**

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Use the documents to help answer these questions:

Document # 1

1. What is the title of the song? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the son. What is the song written about? \_\_\_\_\_

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Document #2

1. What is this a picture of ? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List three (3) things that you notice about the picture.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

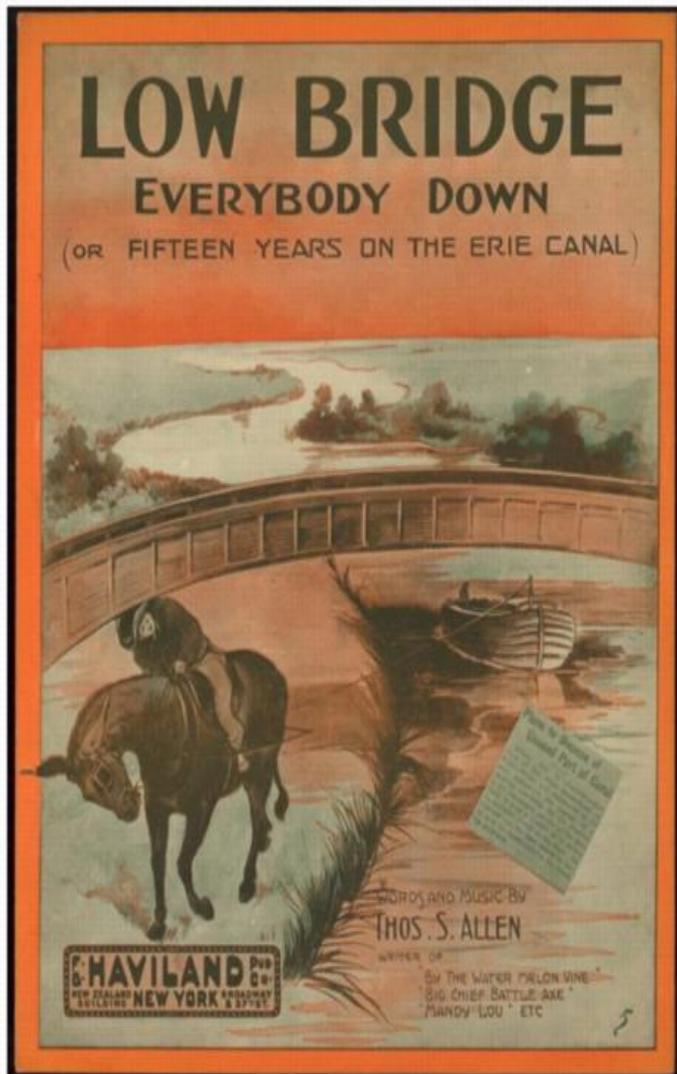
b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Find the rope leading off to the right-hand side of the picture. Using what you know about the Erie Canal, what was this rope for? \_\_\_\_\_

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I got a mule and her name is Sal  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal  
She's a good old worker and a good old pal  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal  
We've hauled some barges in our day  
Filled with lumber, coal and hay  
And we know every inch of the way  
From Albany to Buffalo

Low bridge everybody down  
Low bridge for we're coming to the town  
You'll always know your neighbor  
You'll always know your pal  
If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal

We better get along on our way, old gal  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal  
Cause you bet your life, I'd never part with Sal  
Fifteen miles on the Erie Canal  
Git up there, mule, here comes a lock  
We'll make Rome about six o'clock  
One more trip and back we'll go  
Right back home to Buffalo

Low bridge everybody down  
Low bridge for we're coming to the town  
You'll always know your neighbor  
You'll always know your pal  
If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal

A painting by Edward Lamson Henry shows passengers enjoying the countryside from the deck of a packet boat as it glides along the Erie Canal

