



Norlands Discovery Deep Dive into History

Hear about or learn something today at Norlands that you'd like to explore more? The Washburn Family members did a LOT of interesting things. Each one could be looked at as an "example" of the very important activities happening during the 1800s in America. Here are some questions that might guide your exploration and discovery of how Maine really did lead the Nation in so many ways.

The Careers of the Washburn Family

1. How did banking continue to develop in the 1800's and how would a new bank be created in a town?
2. How was the Republican Party founded and what was Israel Washburn Jr.'s role in the creation of the Republican Party?
3. How was Elihu Washburne connected to the presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant?
4. What was Charles Washburn's role in the Paraguayan Civil War? What was Elihu Washburne's role in the Franco Prussian War? What was the job of a Foreign Minister?

Women in the 1800s

5. What was it like to be a school teacher in the 1800's? How was the job separated between men and women, and how did this separation of gender impact those who taught in schools?
6. What was the general role of women in the family and in society in the 1800s?

The Civil War and others

7. How did Maine contribute to the Civil War?
8. What was it like being a Naval Officer in the Civil War?

Going West

9. Why did people move west from New England in the 1800's?
10. What did the Washburn brothers have to do with creating America's railway systems?



Sources for starting your research

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- Women in the 1800s

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- Going West

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