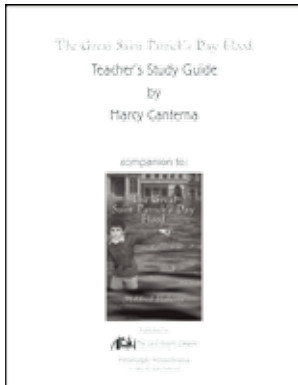


Teacher's Study Guides by Marcy Canterna



Sample Study Guide cover

- Guides are available as companions for book titles specifically geared to younger readers as well as for adult titles that contain material of interest to children.
- Guides can be used flexibly for children of varying ages and ability levels.
- Each guide is customized for its companion book. For example, the guide for *The Great Saint Patrick's Day Flood* has a section on vocabulary while the guide for *The Great Allegheny Passage Companion* does not, since that book's author, Bill Metzger, gives careful definitions throughout his text.
- The guides are spiral bound to open flat such that exercises and work pages may be photocopied for classroom or home school use.

Description:

Several Teacher's Study Guides are available for books published by both The Local History Company and Towers Maguire Publishing, and new guides are added regularly. The guides by teacher and author Marcy Canterna are available directly from the publisher.

All guides are 8.5 by 11 inches, and spiral bound to open flat such that exercises and work pages may be photocopied for classroom or home school use.

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About The Guides' Author: Marcy Canterna has been an elementary teacher in the Franklin Regional School District in Western Pennsylvania since 1978. An avid reader, she claims to read children's books from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Then, throughout the summer, she reads "Big People Books"! Just about any book, she says, can be adapted for use in any grade level.

The most important aspect of teaching, according to Canterna, is to help the students develop a love of reading through discussion and discovery.

Marcy has used all of these guides with her fourth grade students.



Teacher's Study Guide for Lavi The Lion Finds His Pride (ISBN 0-9770429-4-4, 8.5x11, 36 pages, \$7.95US); accompanies *Lavi The Lion Finds His Pride* by Linda Dickerson (ISBN 0-9744715-2-6; illustrated children's picture book). The book's story line introduces young readers to adventure and exploration; the longing for home, friends and family; and the need to belong. Taking a cue from these themes, the *Guide's* activities include vocabulary, English usage/writing, science, social studies, and fine arts; they are adaptable for students at a mix of ability and grade levels.

Teacher's Study Guide for The Great Saint Patrick's Day Flood (ISBN 0-9744715-8-5, 8.5x11, 35 pages, \$5.95US); accompanies *The Great Saint Patrick's Day Flood* by Mildred Flaherty (ISBN 0-9711835-8-9; readers 7 and up). *Guide* exercises cover vocabulary, characters and characterization, sequential order, comprehension, comparison and contrast, timeline and bar graph, a final test and extra activities. This book and guide provide opportunities for inter-generational communication and understanding as well as for exploring the 1930s Depression and its impact on working class families. It is also an opportunity to discuss how families and neighbors in a community support each other during times of crisis.

Teacher's Study Guide for Tyrconnel, An Antebellum Adventure along the C&O Canal (ISBN 0-9744715-7-7, 8.5x11, 62 pages, \$7.95US); accompanies *Tyrconnel, An Antebellum Adventure along the C&O Canal* by Charles S. Furtney (ISBN 0-9711835-3-8; readers 10 and up). *Guide* exercises include vocabulary, use of vocabulary in the story, vocabulary definitions, sequential order, cause-effect-predictions, a final test and final questions. Children will enjoy learning about the importance of the canal and how it works. Geographic features in the area and historical figures who appear in the book are also excellent discussion subjects.

Teacher's Study Guide for The Steps of Pittsburgh: Portrait of a City (ISBN 0-9744715-9-3, 8.5x11, 28 pages, \$7.95US); accompanies *The Steps of Pittsburgh: Portrait of a City* by Robert Regan with photographs by Tim Fabian (ISBN 0-9711835-6-2; written for adults, but topic is of great interest to children of all ages). *Guide* exercises include vocabulary, comprehension activities, walking tours of the steps with related activities, and creative writing. This guide is especially helpful for the teacher or parent who wants to introduce children to neighborhoods, transportation and urban identity. Kids will enjoy the unusual topic and how residents use as well as cope with the steps.

Teacher's Study Guide for Pittsburgh: a place in time (ISBN 0-9770429-0-1, 19, 8.5x11, 19 pages, \$5.95US); accompanies *Pittsburgh: a place in time* by Abby Mendelson (ISBN 0-9711835-7-0; written for adults but with many topics and activities of interest to children). The *Guide* includes activities adaptable for a mix of student ability and grade levels. Exercises explore neighborhoods and characters; activities include mapping, essays, poetry, storytelling, and a final project delving into a neighborhood and involving map creation, a visual display, creating marketing materials for the neighborhood, compiling a written report and preparing a presentation.

Teacher's Study Guide for The Great Allegheny Passage Companion (ISBN 0-9744715-1-8, 8.5x11, 28 pages, \$7.95US); accompanies *The Great Allegheny Passage Companion, Guide To History And Heritage Along The Trail* by Bill Metzger (ISBN 0-9711835-2-X; written for adults but with many topics and activities of interest to children). *Guide* exercises cover history, geography, towns/communities, business/industry, coal mining, steel manufacturing, bridges, railroads, other historical transportation systems, science, Native Americans, and creative writing.



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