

Whaling in Nineteenth-Century Massachusetts

- Audience:** Teachers of History and Social Studies, Grades 4-12
Instructors: Kathleen Barker of the MHS, Michelle LeBlanc of the Leventhal Map Center, Staff at the New Bedford Whaling Museum and National Park Rangers
Dates & Times: Thursday & Friday, August 4 & 5, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 5:00PM
Location: Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston
New Bedford Whaling Museum
Cost: \$75 TEC Members / \$75 Non-TEC Members
Earn: 15 PDPs
Grad. Credit: 1 credit from Worcester State University for an additional \$100, payable at the first class



Course Description: The romance of the 19th-century whaling industry captures our imagination. But, it was more than romance because whaling provided the economic livelihood of individuals and New England towns for close to a century. Investigate American whaling in the age of sail, and its effects on the politics, economy, and culture of Massachusetts. Whaling provided men and women of the Commonwealth with new opportunities for financial and cultural exchange. Using documents from the Massachusetts Historical Society and Leventhal Map Center, we will explore the lives of sailors, whaling wives, and entrepreneurs, and trace the expanding geographical horizons afforded by the whaling industry. On August 5 we will take a field trip to New Bedford, Massachusetts, the largest whaling port in the world by the 1830s. We will visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum to explore art and artifacts from whaling voyages that spanned the globe, and take a walking tour of the city whose whale oil “lit the world.”

About the Instructors: **Kathleen Barker** is the Assistant Director of Education and Public Programs for the Massachusetts Historical Society, where she creates and implements professional development programs for K-12 teachers and their students. **Michelle LeBlanc** is Director of Education for the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library where she runs all aspects of teacher training, school programming and curriculum development. Previously, she served as Project Director for two Teaching American History (TAH) grants for TEC.

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