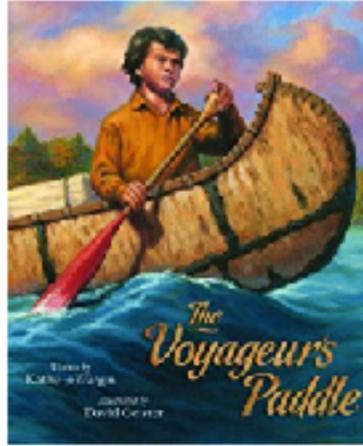


The Voyageur's Paddle by Kathy-Jo Wargin
Pick and Choose Literature Study



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This study is a multi-level literature study based not the book *The Voyageur's Paddle* by Kathy-Jo Wargin.

It has many suggestions for activities you can pick and choose for your family or student. You can make this study is simple or as complex as you would like.



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Page 5 “The voyageur sat by the fire and warmed his face”: The Science of Fire: [Here is a science experiment](#) to do with your parent.

Page 5 Wool Blanket - How do they take wool and make it into a blanket. [Here is a video](#) about how wool fabric is made now. [Here is a video](#) about the history of wool. What did you learn? Why do you think that a wool blanket was important to a voyageur?

Page 5 In late autumn - what month would that be? What months are each of the seasons? In late autumn what would the weather be like in your area? Would bands of ice be on the water in your area?

Page 6

“One red paddle, swift and light,
in the water lifting bright
True love waits upon the shore,
and calls me home forevermore.”

Though this is a song it is also a poem called a couplet. How does it rhyme? Can you see a pattern? You might want to write your own song or couplet poem.

Page 7 (and throughout) Look at what Jacques family are dressed in - take a look at these pictures. [here](#) or [here](#). Would you want to wear these clothes each day? How are they different from your clothes? [Here is a chart](#) to compare your clothes with clothing during the time of the Voyageur’s Paddle.

Page 8 Marie was Ojibwe First Peoples - what can you learn about the Ojibwe? [Here is a video](#) done by a student with lots of information about the Ojibwe.

Page 8 Mending the canoe with Sap and Spruce - [here is a video](#) of what the spruce sap looks like and some more information about other uses. If you have spruce trees in your area you might want to experiment with Spruce sap (with your parent’s help).

Page 8 Birchbark Canoes: [Here is information about them](#) and a [great video](#) on how to make a birch bark canoe. [Here are some birch bark crafts](#) that might interest you:

Page 8 How would things have been different for trade if there were no birch bark canoes?

Page 8 Edouard plays the fiddle. Have you ever heard Fiddle Music? [Here is great video](#) explaining different styles of fiddling in Canada.

Page 9 and 10 Trading Posts: Here are some pictures: [here](#) ,[here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [and here](#). What did you observe from these pictures and those in the book The Voyageur’s Paddle? You might want to draw your own trading post - or better yet create a trading post and have a trading day (or Rendezvous) with others.

Page 9 and 10 You may want to research a fur trading fort in Canada. [Here is a list of all the forts in Canada](#). Though out of print, [Forts of Canada](#) by Ann Maureen Owens and Jane Yealland is a great resource.

Page 9 and 10 [Here is an example of Palisades](#) - Could you make a model of a fort with playmobil or lego and put a stick palisade around it. You could use sticks from outside or popsicle sticks. How would the palisades protect the fort? How important do you think they were?

Page 11 and 12 Was the trade fair for the First People’s?
2 beaver hides for one lace cap?
3 beaver hides for a good axe?

1 beaver hide for a colourful plume?

This short video challenges how unfair trade was.

Have you ever traded items with your friends or brothers and sisters - was it fair? How did you feel? How do you think the First People's felt?

Page 13 In the winter the voyageurs used dog sleds and snow shoes. Why do you think these would have been the way they chose to travel? What are the advantages and disadvantages you can think of? Here is a picture of a voyageur and his sled and snow shoes.

Page 15 This video from Canada's National Film Board explains the life of the Voyageur (** note to parent - there is both drinking and smoking in this video - you will want to rewatch it for content**)

Page 15 Could you figure out the meaning of portage? "the carrying of a boat or its cargo between two navigable waters." What was so difficult about portaging for the Voyageurs? Do you think they would rather canoe on the water or portage?

Page 19 Montreal was a fur trade centre - here are a few photos - what do you observe? Here , here and here.

Page 21 Voyageur's Songs - here are some examples with both the French and English words.

Page 27-Page 35 The waterways freezing over would be very hard on the voyageurs. Why? Were you relieved when Edouard made it home safe and sound?

When you are scared, what are some of the verses that you can hold in your heart?

Here are a few that you may want to look at:

Isaiah 41:13

Deuteronomy 31:6

Psalms 27:1

Hebrews 13:6

John 14:27

You may want to choose one of these verses, copy it out and decorate it and hang it in a place to remind you of God's promises when you are scared.

Page 41 On the vocabulary sheet at the end there are some new words for you to learn. Here are some very simple flashcards for you to learn them.

Here are some online games you could play based on experiences of the Voyageurs.

Blessings!

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