



TMM Educational Program: La Salle Odyssey

Overview: The participant will learn about Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle and his voyage from France to the “New World.” Focus will be placed on the reasons behind his voyage, goals he wished to achieve and how getting lost affected the outcome of his voyage and the history of Texas. This program includes a map skills activity, designed to teach participants about reading maps, navigation and geography.

Audience: This program is designed for elementary age students, but may be adapted for other grade levels.

Theme: The theme of this program is the History of the La Salle Odyssey.

Goal: The goal of this program is for the participant to learn about the voyage of La Salle, and the concepts of navigation and map skills.

Activities: Cardinal directions & distance worksheet, How to read a Map Legend, Museum scavenger hunt.

Vocabulary:

- Compass
- Cardinal Directions
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Map Legend
- Settlement
- New World