

New Jersey History Day 2023

Frontiers in History: New Jersey Topics

1. In the seventeenth century, Dutch settlers and Native Americans clashed on the New Jersey frontier. What caused this conflict and what were the results?
2. How were new ideas about constitutional rights expressed in New Jersey in the years leading up to the American Revolution?
3. In the late eighteenth century, New Jersey was at the frontier in women's rights by granting women the right to vote. What happened and what were the results?
4. In the late eighteenth century, how was Paterson on the frontier of industrialization in New Jersey? Was it ahead of its time?
5. How did the establishment of a Lancastrian School in New Brunswick place New Jersey on the frontier of educational theory?
6. In the early to mid-nineteenth century, why did many New Jersey farmers leave the state for the Western frontier?
7. New Jersey was at the frontier of engineering and technology in building canals and railroads. What was the impact of this transportation revolution?
8. In the early to mid-nineteenth century, some free Blacks found a new frontier in Africa. The Colonization Society in New Jersey encouraged them to move to Africa. Why were they encouraged and what was the result?
9. New Jersey reformers were on the cutting edge of ideas about egalitarian intentional communities like the North American Phalanx and the Raritan Bay Union. What motivated people to join these communities? Were they successful and why?
10. New Jersey was on the frontier of new ideas about the care of the mentally ill. Were Dorothea Dix's accomplishments in this area and why was she successful?
11. New Jersey was on the frontier in science and technology through the many inventions of Thomas Edison. What did he accomplish and why was he successful?
12. New Jersey was at the frontier of innovation in engineering and economic development as shown by the development of wire rope by John Roebling of Trenton. What was the significance of this new technology?
13. In the early twentieth century, New Jersey's progressives were on the frontier of ideas about community living in the creation of the Helicon Hall and Free Acres communities, and the Modern School and Ferrer Colony in Piscataway. What motivated them and were they successful?

14. New Jersey was on the frontier of the women's suffrage movement as shown by the activism of Alice Paul. Do you support Alice Paul's more aggressive stance or the more moderate policies pursued by the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association?
15. Selman A. Waksman, a Rutgers University professor of microbiology, is best known for the discovery of streptomycin, which earned him the Nobel Prize in 1952. What was the impact of this discovery on health?
16. In the early twentieth century, Guglielmo Marconi was on the frontier of technology as he experimented with a wireless telegraph in Franklin Township and Wall Township, New Jersey. How did Marconi's invention contribute to the Allied victory during World War II?