



**Welcome to
Manchester, New
Hampshire**

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- Occupied by Indians for thousands of years
 - First Europeans settled in 1722
 - John Goffe and others called the site Derryfield
 - Incorporated as a town Sept. 3, 1751 by King George III

- Samuel Blodgett
- Proposed building a canal around the Amoskeag (meaning “abundance of fish”) Falls
- Blodgett also suggested that the area could become the “Manchester (Eng.) of America”
- The canal opened in 1807
- In 1810 the name of the community was changed to Manchester

- Amoskeag Manufacturing Company
- Incorporated in 1831 with a capitalization of \$3,000,000
- Acquired rights to all waterpower and to 2500 acres of land on both sides of the Merrimack River
- Opened first mills in 1838

- Ezekiel Straw was appointed the first agent for the mills
- He developed the street plan for the city.
- In 1840, the Corporation donated land for the Valley Cemetary (the second cemetary created in the United States)
- Approximately 20 acres were donated as land for public parks
- In 1841 the corporation sold land for the construction of a city hall

- Manchester was incorporated as the first city in New Hampshire in 1846
- Current population is 23,509



- Over 4200 employees in the Corporation, producing 600,000 yards of cotton cloth per week
- Manufacturing tickings, denims, stripes, gingham, sheetings, shirtings, print cloths, balmorals, cotton flannels, steam locomotives and fire engines
- Additional mills include Stark. Langdon and Manchester Print Works

The New Hampshire K –12 Social Studies Curriculum Framework History Curriculum Standards

Curriculum Standard 16. Students will demonstrate the ability to employ historical analysis, interpretation, and comprehension to make reasoned judgments and to gain an understanding, perspective and appreciation of history and its uses in contemporary situations.

See especially, proficiency standards 16.10.1, 16.10.3, 16.10.4, 16.10.6, 16.10.8, 16.10.11

Curriculum Standard 17. Students will demonstrate a knowledge of the chronology and significance of the unfolding story of America including the history of their community, New Hampshire and the United States.

See especially, proficiency standards 17.6.1, 17.17.6.2, 17.6.4, 17.6.5, 17.10.6, 17.10.9, 17.10.10, 17.12.1, 17.12.9

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