

Writing to Explore with Peter Lourie



Hudson River Adventure Presentation

School children take a journey down the Hudson River as they follow my canoe trek down the entire length of the river, from its source at Lake Tear of the Clouds in the Adirondack Mountains all the way to New York Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

Covering 315 miles in three weeks, I witnessed the river as it changed from a mountain stream to a three-mile-wide tidal estuary.

In this Hudson River presentation I bring my canoe, paddles, camping gear, and slides to share the adventure with children and to explain how I came to write three books from this one trip.

In a full hour I give an overview of the Hudson as seen from the peace and quiet of a canoe.

With 140 full-color slides, I take students to the river's source on Mt. Marcy; down through the Hudson's dramatic headwaters, forty miles of Class 3 and 4+ whitewater; around gargantuan power dams that block the river; through the seven locks of the Champlain Canal; into the powerful estuary and the tides below Albany; and through the spectacular Highlands—all the way to the sea and the high-tech city at the river's mouth.

This presentation of story-telling and slide-viewing covers the geography, ecology, history, culture and literature of the river—including the haunting story of Captain Kidd burying gold in the Hudson Highlands!