

## Teacher Guide to Student Worksheet 1-CHAUTAUQUA

Chautauqua (shuh-**taw**-kwuh) is an American Indian phrase for the lake in southwestern New York State, where the original Chautauqua meeting occurred in 1874. (Translated specifically, it means “bag with a string tied around the middle.”) **HAVE STUDENTS LOCATE CHAUTAUQUA LAKE IN NEW YORK ON THE MAP AND NOTE THE SHAPE OF LAKE.** Led by two Christians, Lewis Miller and John Heyl Vincent (pictured respectively on the right), the first Chautauqua meeting assisted Sunday school teachers with lessons on the Bible. By 1880, the institute quickly expanded to include academic subjects like music, art, and physical education and the Chautauqua was offered to Americans in many places throughout the country.

The Chautauqua provided communities, who otherwise felt ***isolated and without educational entertainment***, the opportunity to hear a number of orators, artists, musicians, comedians, and educators address issues concerning their time. Subjects ranged from science, religion, and literature to international relations. In addition to various presentations, Chautauqua participants enjoyed recreational activities.

In the state of Pennsylvania, the Chautauqua took place in many towns. Using the map, identify some of the towns where the Chautauqua meetings occurred and write down the related counties.



**Chautauqua Founders Lewis Miller and John Heyl Vincent**  
*Courtesy of the Chautauqua Institute Archives*

<b><i>Town</i></b>	<b><i>County in Pennsylvania</i></b>
<b>Boswell</b>	<i>SOMERSET(southwestern PA)</i>
<b>Carbondale</b>	<i>WAYNE (northeastern PA)</i>
<b>Charleroi</b>	<i>WASHINGTON (southwestern PA)</i>
<b>Gettysburg</b>	<i>ADAMS (south central PA)</i>
<b>Indiana</b>	<i>INDIANA (mid western PA)</i>
<b>Mifflinburg</b>	<i>UNION (central PA)</i>
<b>Mount Gretna</b>	<i>LEBANON (southeastern PA)</i>
<b>Oxford</b>	<i>CHESTER (southeastern PA)</i>
<b>Stroudsburg</b>	<i>MONROE (mid eastern PA)</i>
<b>Susquehanna</b>	<i>SUSQUEHANNA (northeastern PA)</i>
<b>Swarthmore</b>	<i>DELAWARE (southeastern PA)</i>
<b>Warren</b>	<i>WARREN (northwestern PA)</i>
<b>Waynesboro</b>	<i>FRANKLIN (south central PA)</i>
<b>Wellsboro</b>	<i>TIOGA (north central PA)</i>