

Learning Activity Template

Title: Heritage

Curriculum: Social Studies

Grade-Level Span: Third - Fifth

PURPOSE:

Students will understand how the arrival of immigrants helped shape our lives in the United States.

DESCRIPTION:

Within an overall unit about American heritage, using the Inspiration program and PowerPoint, students will organize information and design a PowerPoint presentation about the countries from which Americans have originated.

ACTIVITIES	CURRICULUM STANDARDS	NETS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
1. Students will brainstorm possible concepts related to a topic by creating map webs using paper.	1A, B, C. 3A, B, 5A, B, C. 6A. 7A. (K-3) 1F, G. 2A, B, C, D, E, G. 3F. 4B, C. 5A, B, C, D, E. (4-8)	
2. Following a study of immigration and heritage students will select a country to present.		
3. Students will collect information from print resources and the Internet.		3, 5
4. Using computer software, such as Inspiration, students will design a web map showing the six key characteristics of their chosen countries.		4, 5
5. Students will download their Inspiration presentation onto their school website.		4
6. Students will transform their Inspiration information to be included in a PowerPoint presentation dealing with the overall unit about American heritage.		3, 4

TOOLS AND RESOURCES:

(List all Web sites, specific software and hardware, and other needs.)

Inspiration software, Internet, PowerPoint, print information (books, etc.), interviews

ASSESSMENT:

(How will you assess the students' learning? If you have a rubric, record it here. Be as specific as possible.)

Scoring system: 1 – 4 points

Students will be scored on:

Information: Knowledge of the subject, accuracy, completion

Task: Following directions, demonstration of thought and organization

Process: Teamwork

Grammar and spelling: Correct

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COMMENTS:

(Have you taught this learning activity before? What are the great ah ha's/experiences you had?)

This lesson has not been taught using Inspiration or PowerPoint before. It includes lessons using the Asian Cultural Specialist and Media Specialist.

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