

Canadian Explorers

WebQuest Description: You will be investigating the life and travels of an explorer who travelled to and around Canada. You will present your findings in a prezi presentation.

Grade Level: 3-5

Curriculum: Social Studies

Keywords: Travel, Discovery, Early Exploration, Canada, Cartier, Cabot, Hudson, Champlain, Cook, Vancouver, Prezi, Popplet, Google Slides

Published On: 2012-05-02 16:56:15

Last Modified: 2018-05-02 19:52:14

WebQuest URL: <http://zunal.com/webquest.php?w=149616>

Introduction

You have been assigned the job of researching an explorer important to Canada's history. Who will you choose? What skills will you learn? What will you discover about your explorer and his importance to Canada? So many questions you will need to figure out before your project is due. This webquest will help you explore the life and travels of seven different explorers. You will be practicing your researching, notetaking and presentation skills. You will be using Prezi, Popplet, Google Presentation, etc. to complete a presentation about your explorer. If you're able to, you may be using Skype to contact another school and see what they've been able to accomplish after finishing the webquest. *Not all schools will need to do this part of the Webquest if they are unfamiliar or reluctant to use Skype at this time. Let's get started...

Process

Objective: To learn about explorers, why they explored, and the long-lasting effects of their explorations. **Method:** You must choose an explorer that you would like to research. You must gather information on your chosen explorer and then create a presentation showing your findings about:
- The explorer's early life.
- Why did he begin exploring and what was he looking for?
- Where did he explore? What route did he take?
- What happened as a result of his explorations?
Choose ONE of the following explorers to begin your research: Jacques Cartier John Cabot Henry Hudson Samuel de Champlain George Vancouver James Cook Simon Fraser Now go on to the Task in order to begin your research.

Tasks

Now that you have chosen your explorer, it's time to begin your research. Using the Researching My Explorer sheet, find information that will help you answer each of the 4 questions you'll be researching:
- Describe the explorer's early life.
- Why did he begin exploring and what was he looking for?
- Where did he explore? What route did he take?
- What happened as a result of his explorations?
Now, scroll down to find your explorer and use the internet links to find information. *Make sure you have enough information on your explorer. If you feel you don't have enough...choose a different explorer! *There are even some videos below that will provide you with some facts as well.
Jacques Cartier Jacques Cartier - from Academic Kids Jacques Cartier - from World Book Online (will only work at school) Jacques Cartier Video - from History.com Jacques Cartier - from Biography.com
John Cabot John Cabot - from Academic Kids John Cabot - from BBC History John Cabot - from World Book Online (will only work at school) John Cabot - from Enchanted Learning John Cabot Video - from Bio.com
Henry Hudson The Life & Voyages of Henry Hudson Henry Hudson - from Academic Kids Henry Hudson - from World Book Online (will only work at school) Henry Hudson - from Ducksters Henry Hudson Video - from History.com
Samuel de Champlain Samuel de Champlain - from Academic Kids Samuel de Champlain - from Encyclopedia.com Samuel de Champlain - from World Book Online (will only work at school) Samuel de Champlain Video - from Biography.com
George Vancouver George Vancouver - from Historylink George Vancouver - from World Book Online (will only work at school) George Vancouver - from Academic Kids
George Vancouver - from Encyclopedia.com
James Cook James Cook - from World Book Online (will only work at school) James Cook - from BBC History James Cook - from Zoomwhales James Cook - from Ducksters James Cook Video - from Youtube
Watch the short video below about James Cook
Simon Fraser Simon Fraser - from the Canadian Encyclopedia Simon Fraser - from World Book Online (will only work at school) Simon Fraser - from SFU Simon Fraser - from Essay-eh

Presentation

Use Prezi, Popplet, or Google Slides in order to prepare for your presentation in class. Be sure to think about how you will organize and represent your information on the screen. I strongly suggest you also have a paper copy of your information ready. This copy will help you maintain eye-contact with your audience as you refer to it, rather than reading directly from the computer or Smartboard screen. Watch the YouTube videos below to learn more about getting started with presentations.

Evaluation

Category and Score	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Score
Completeness	Fails to hand in the task	Research Log or Exploration Report is missing or incomplete	All components of the Exploration Manual is complete	Research Log and Exploration Report is thoroughly completed	%25
Evidence of Inquiry and Research	Demonstrates limited effectiveness in navigating, finding and collecting appropriate information using the links and websites	Demonstrates some effectiveness in navigating, finding and collecting appropriate information using the links and websites	Demonstrates considerable effectiveness in navigating, finding and collecting appropriate information using the links and websites	Demonstrates a high degree of effectiveness in navigating, finding and collecting appropriate information using the links and websites	%25
Communication	Expresses and organizes ideas and information with limited effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information with some effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information with considerable effectiveness	Expresses and organizes ideas and information with a high degrees of effectiveness	%25
Application	Transfers knowledge and makes connections with limited effectiveness	Transfers knowledge and makes connections with some effectiveness	Transfers knowledge and makes connections with considerable effectiveness	Transfers knowledge and makes connections with a high degree of effectiveness	%25
				Total Score	%100

Skype Presentation

For classes using Skype, this is a good opportunity to connect with another classroom who has also completed the Exploring Canadian Explorers Webquest. The following instructions will help organize a Question/Answer period between both classes. This can easily be made into a Quiz Show competition. 1) Students must find at least three facts related to the explorer they are researching. They must create three questions based on these facts, but the answer must be the name of one of the eight explorers. For example: Question: Which explorer originally came from Italy but has an English name? Answer: John Cabot 2) Next, the teacher will split the class into teams of three or four students. 3) Each team must clearly print the names of each of the eight explorers on large, sentence strips. 4) When the quiz show begins, one school will ask the teams of the other school a question. 5) The teams will answer by holding up the name of the correct explorer. 6) Each team will receive one point for a correct answer. This is a good way to introduce classes to Skype and to have them interact in a fun way. Students will be competing against teams from their own school.

Conclusion

Teacher Page

Standards

Credits

Other