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United States Landforms

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<th>Content Area (Req.): Social studies/geography</th>
<th>Unit (Opt.): Landforms of the United States</th>
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Connections to Other Disciplines (Opt.):  
• Art- 3D maps showing landforms  
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Time Frame (Req.): 4-45 minute sessions
Goal (Req.): Students will recognize and locate different landforms of U.S.
Objective (Req.): Students will correctly locate and define U.S. landforms using geography resources.

Materials Needed (Req.):  
• Internet  
• Promethean Board  
• Regions- social studies text  
• Poster board  
• U.S. maps  
• Colored pencils/markers  
• Student Atlas

New Vocabulary (Opt.):  
• plateau  
• mountains  
• canyon  
• desert  
• plain

Anticipatory Set/Introduction [Inquiry Question is required] (Req.): What various landforms make up the U.S.? (List their ideas on board) Define the 5 vocabulary words together. Show visuals of each using Internet. Locate the areas using a large map on board.

Instructional Sequence/Procedure (Req.):
1. Show a blank map of the U.S. on the Promethean Board. What landforms do you think belong in each area shown?
2. Share answers in class. Write down their ideas.
3. Use a map key to identify and label the 5 landforms.
4. Students make their own map and key of U.S. landforms using colored pencils.
5. Day 2- Divide the class into groups of 3-4 students.
6. Assign each group a different landform to research using reference materials (Internet, text, atlas) Information should include; climate, plant life, animal life, crops, minerals.
7. Collect their notes after 1-2 days of study.
8. Facts will be put on a poster board using words, captions, photos, drawings, maps.
9. Day 4- groups share their finished posters about the landform information with the entire class.
10. Display the posters at fall conferences in the hall or classroom.

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| 19. | Assessment (Req.): Small groups of 3-4 students research information on a specific landform and present posters about their landform. Teamwork and completeness of posters. |
| 20. | Iowa Core Curriculum Standards Used (Req.):  
- Geography1., grade 3-5: Understand the use of geographic tools and locate and analyze information about people, places, and environments. |
| | Common Core Curriculum Standards Used (Opt.):  
| | NGS Standards Used (Req.):  
- 1. How to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective.  
- 3. How to analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on the Earth’s surface.  
- 8. The characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth’s surface. |
| | Five Themes of Geography Used (Req.):  
- Place  
- Region  
- Location |
| | School District Standards and Benchmarks (Opt.):  
- S2B1: Understand the regions of the United States have general characteristics  
- S1B1: Understand that a variety of visual aids and models supply information about our World. |
| 21st Century Universal Constructs (Opt.): Collaboration and creativity |
**Other Disciplinary Standards (Opt.):**

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**Other Essential Information (Opt.):**

**Other Resources (Opt.):**

- Internet Websites- www.eduplace.com, worldlandforms.com, MrNussbaum.com, worldatlas.com 
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