

Alaska Culture Museum

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Discipline: Social Studies

Topic: Culture of Alaska

Grade Level: Middle School

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs:

1. <http://tinyurl.com/alaskaculture>
2. Google Slides Virtual Museum Template (see attached)
3. Additional Internet research

Lesson Summary: Students will research the different cultures of Alaska. After researching students will create a virtual museum showcasing different exhibits representing the different cultures.

Standard's Addressed: Common Core

1. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.7 Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
2. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Learning objectives: Students will be able to identify the different distinct cultures of Alaska.

Procedural Activities:

1. Display map of Alaska showing the different cultures
2. Discuss with students if they think where the culture is located has to do with its history and culture
3. Explain to students they will be choosing 4 cultures to research. Let them know they will be creating a virtual museum showcasing different exhibits of their cultures.
4. Pass out *Alaska Culture Rubric*
5. Students will begin working in their groups researching the culture of Alaska
6. After researching students will begin developing their museum
7. "Curators" will take the class on a tour of their museum

Materials Students Need:

1. <http://tinyurl.com/alaskaculture>
2. Google Slides Virtual Museum Template
3. Computer access

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning:

1. Google Slides Virtual Museum Template

Other Information: I created the rubric to be very open-ended. I wanted my students to find exhibits that interest them. You can tweak the rubric and have students research more specific items.

Modifications for special learners/ Enrichment Opportunities:

1. Modification: If you do not have access to Google Slides, you can create a PowerPoint museum template.
2. Enhancement: Have students create rooms for **all** cultures of Alaska