

Classrooms Without Borders:
Designing
Virtual Field Trips

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“A virtual field trip is a guided exploration through the world wide web that organizes a collection of pre-screened, thematically based web pages into a structured online learning experience.”

(Foley, 2003)

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Reasons to Travel

- * Travel anywhere at anytime
- * Student-centered instruction
- * Free
- * Enhance critical thinking skills

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Types of Virtual Field Trips



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* Pre-Designed

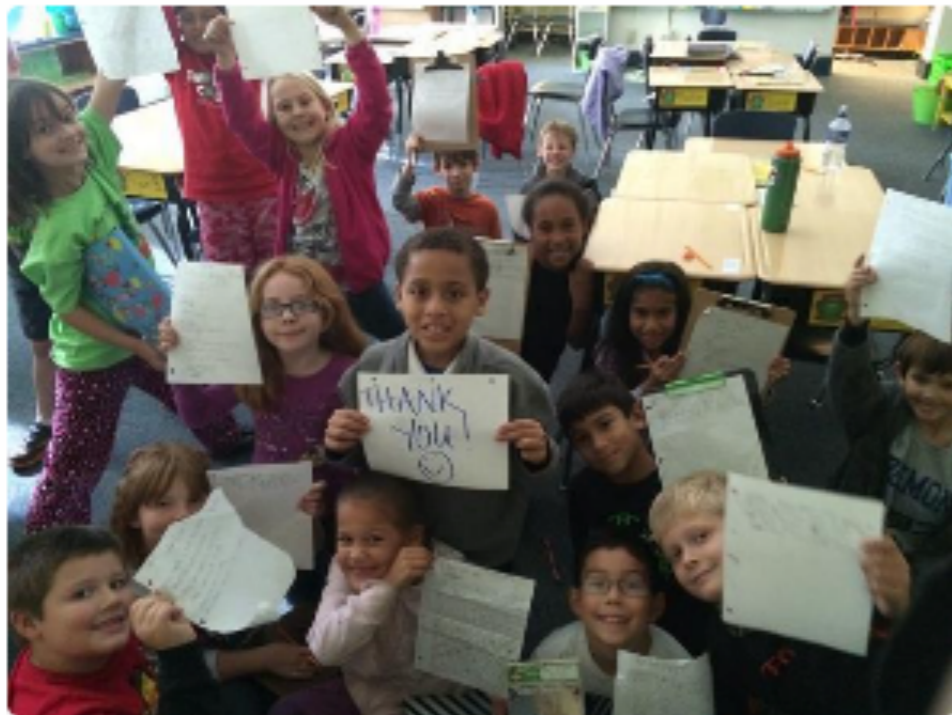
* Self-Created

Pre-Designed Virtual Field Trips



Polar Bears Int'l.
@PolarBears

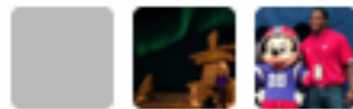
TY to @Mallon3 & her class for joining our #Tundra Connections webcast w/ @DiscoveryEd. Great kids, great questions!



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RETWEETS

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FAVORITES



 Interactive

LIVE



ARCHIVED



Discovery

NORTH AMERICA

SERIES PREMIERES
MAY 19 9/8c

SPLASHING
INTO CLASSROOMS
MAY 2013

Discovery
EDUCATION

Discovery Education's
Virtual Field Trip Series to North America
Archived Videos

* Available any time

SELF-EXPLORATION

the first thanksgiving **virtual field trip**

1. Introduce First Thanksgiving with book or short film.
2. Have students work individually or with a partner.
3. Direct students to site:
http://www.scholastic.com/scholastic_thanksgiving/
4. Give the following task sheet to each student to complete while they travel!

* Very little prep work

The First Thanksgiving

Home The Mayflower Daily Life The Feast Historical Letters Videos and Photos Teaching Resources

Voyage on the Mayflower

The 1620 voyage from England to America was more than 3,000 miles and beset by autumn storms. Learn what it was like to live and work on a 17th-century sailing vessel, and relive part of this epic journey.

Take the Journey
Tour the Ship



PILGRIM TIMELINE

Name _____

Follow these directions to go back in time to...

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING!

- * In PortaPortal find the "First Thanksgiving" box under READING
- * If you see a "volume sign," click on it for information!

1. "Mayflower Tab" (Take the Journey)

When did the Mayflower leave? _____

What blew the ship off its course? _____

Where did the Pilgrims stop for supplies? _____

When did the Pilgrims land at Cape Cod? _____

2. "Mayflower Tab" (Tour the Ship)

List 2 parts of the ship AND their purposes

A) _____

B) _____

* Accountability

! Tab

facts about these parts of life in the community

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+ Tab (slideshow)

2 facts about the Thanksgiving Feast

B) _____

REAL LETTERS TAB *

Photos Tab

one video. List its name and 2 facts you learned from the

one _____

done! If you have extra time, you may choose another video to watch on the "Videos & Photos Tab."

When you come "back to the future," put your paper in to the social studies tray! **

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Self-Created Virtual Field Trips

COMPONENTS

PLAN YOUR TRIP

TRANSPORTATION

DESTINATIONS



U.S. geography & national Park **virtual field trip**

*(*To be used after studying varying landforms & climates
around the United States*

**Some activities are specific to my classroom & will need to be
changed to fit your circumstances)*

1. To introduce the project, use the following
Prezi: <http://goo.gl/fp2ge1>
2. Put students in groups of 3 or 4.
3. Have each group choose their National
Park.
4. Give each group the following task sheet
to complete as they travel. You may want
to preview the websites & apps students will
be using.
5. Use attached rubric to assess students.

Plan Your Trip (Preparation)

- * Where are you going?
- * Learning outcomes
- * Resources (web links)
- * Accountability (tasks/activities)



Transportation

(Web Tools)



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- * Google Earth
- * Google Maps
- * PortaPortal/Symbaloo
- * Skype Classroom

Destinations (Assessment)

- * Task Sheet (ELA CCSS: RI)
- * Presentations (ELA CCSS: S&L)
- * Authentic Assessments
(Math CCSS, Science, HGSS)
- * Technology Navigation
(ISTE NETS)



* Accountability



Name _____ & _____

U.S. Geography

'Virtual Road Trip'

1. Where are you going for your road trip?

National Park: _____

State: _____

2. In Portaportal, go to "Google Directions." Using Manhattan, KS as your starting point and your National Park as your destination, list all states you will drive through on your road trip:

3. Using your social studies textbook (p. 21 & p. 614) tell what types of geography you will see as you drive (plateau, plains, mountains, hills?)

4. In Portaportal, go to "National Parks." Search for your national park and find the following information:

Geography (what is the land like): _____

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ite (what is the weather like): _____

ities (2 things you could do on vacation): _____

ing the "National Geographic" app on the iPad, find the following information about your National Park:

re to stay & Cost for 3 nights: _____

stic/Fact: _____

of entrance to park for a total of 3 days: _____

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ing the information you have collected, in Portaportal go to "Our Class Sign in, and create a new blog with your road trip information (all the nation on this paper).

Username: (the partner who is oldest is the one that should sign in)

Password: lunch#

Portaportal, go to "Picture Search." THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE WEBSITE [ixl.com/learning.com](http://www.ixl.com/learning.com). Search for your park, and find 2 pictures of your National Park. EACH PARTNER SHOULD CHOOSE A PICTURE. Save your pictures using the icons below. Upload your two pictures to a new blog entry.

COMPUTER DIRECTIONS TO SAVE A PICTURE:

-Right click on the picture.

-Choose "Save Image As."

-Choose your H: Drive, name the picture "Park1," and click "Save."

IPAD DIRECTIONS TO SAVE A PICTURE:

-Touch the picture.

-Hold down and select "Save Photo."

-You can access the photo in the Photos app.

* FINAL GRADE *

Completed this handout fully (15 pts.) _____

BLOG entry-text (10 pts.) _____

BLOG entry-pictures (10 pts.) _____

WORK WELL WITH PARTNER (5 pts.) _____

PROBLEM-SOLVER (5 pts.) _____

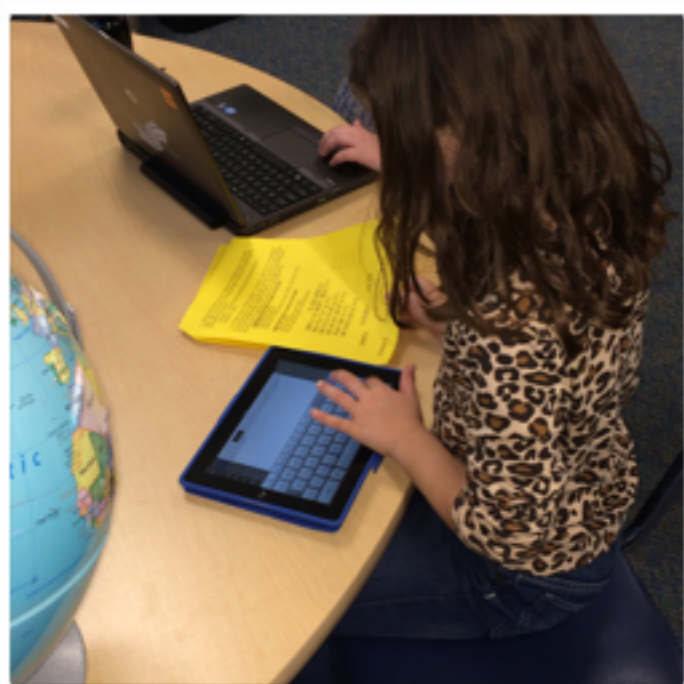
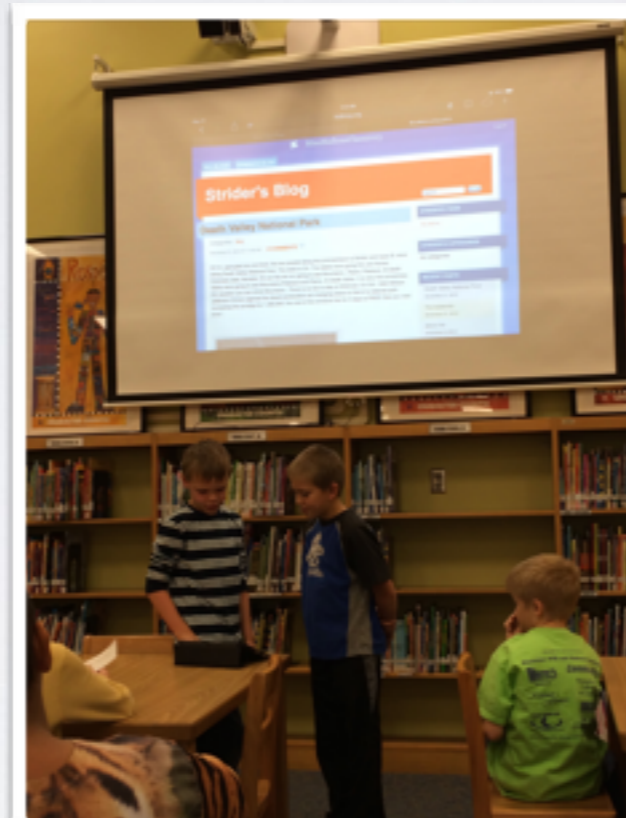
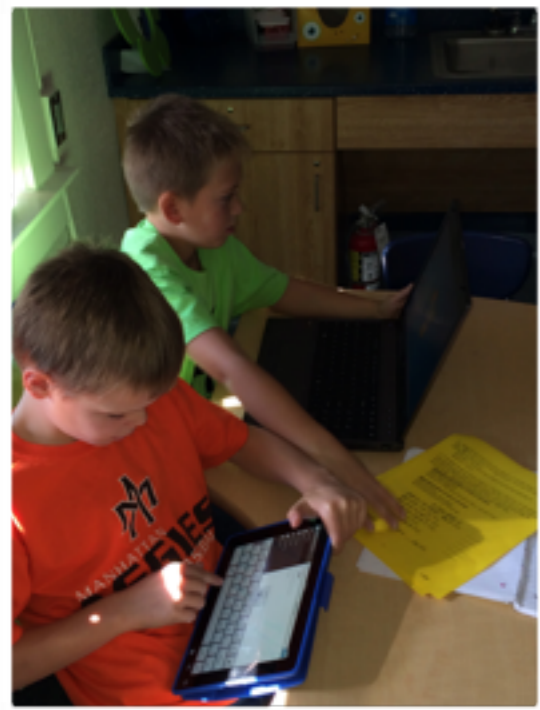
CLASS PRESENTATION (15 pts.) _____

TOTAL POINTS: _____ /60 PTS.

Comments:

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Scrapbook (Student Work)



Let's Hit the Road

