Mystery Skype

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Access this presentation online:

http://goo.gl/9X7dkT

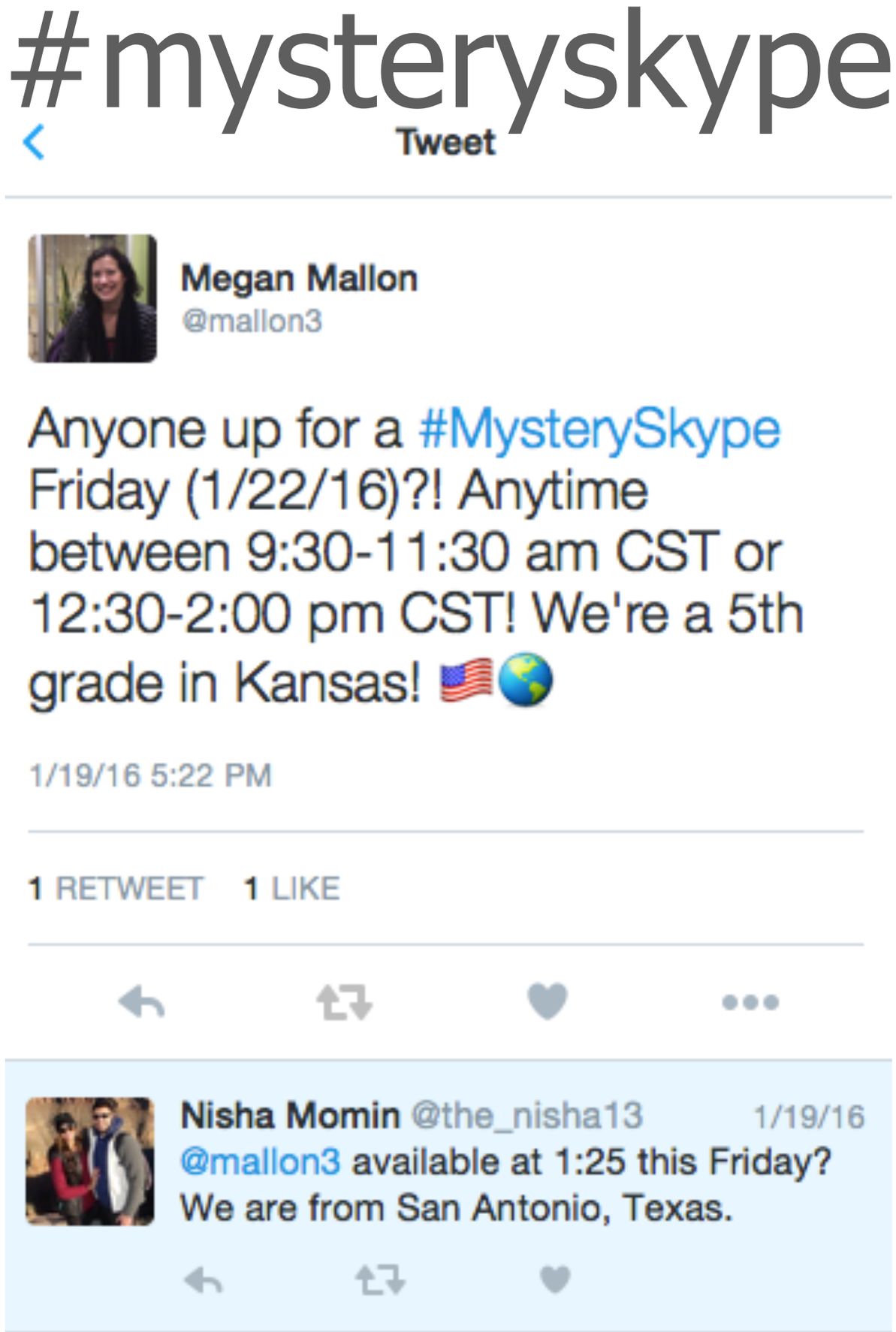
Connect with another classroom to
ask geographical questions &
guess their location!

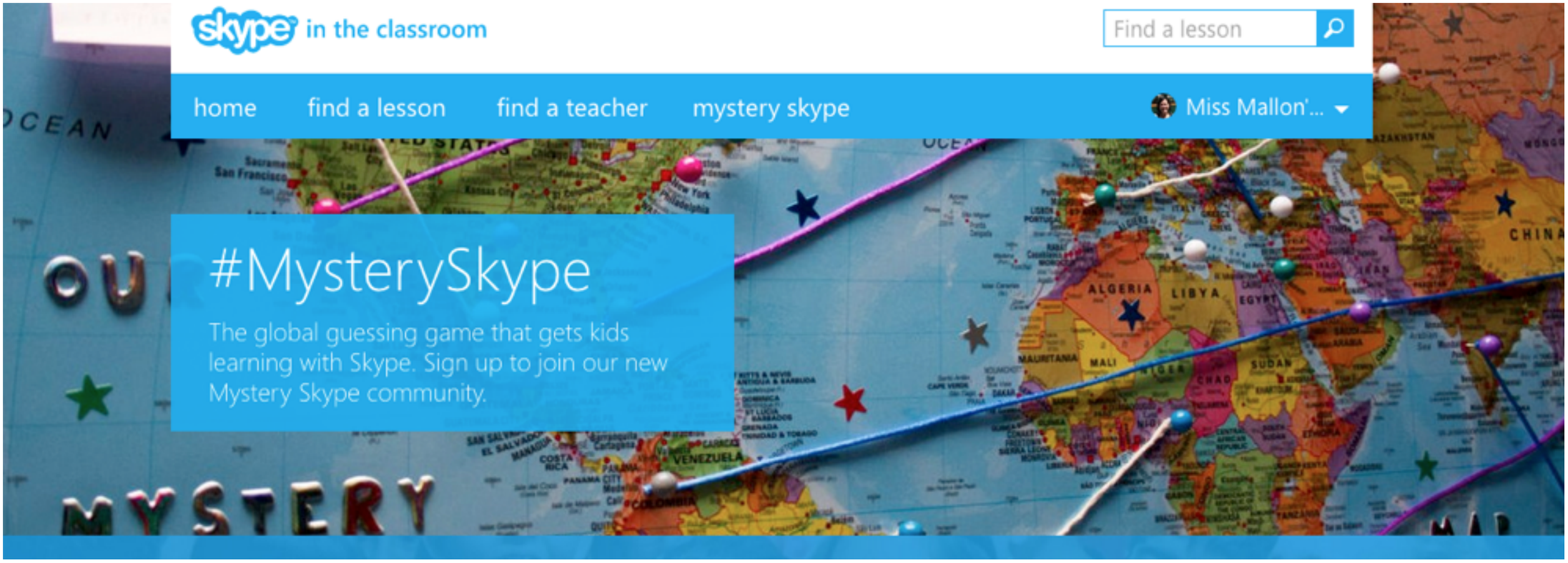
Step 1

Connecting with Educators

#mysteryskype

* Search for educators looking for Mystery Skype partners





https://education.microsoft.com/skypeintheclassroom

Step 1

Connecting Students

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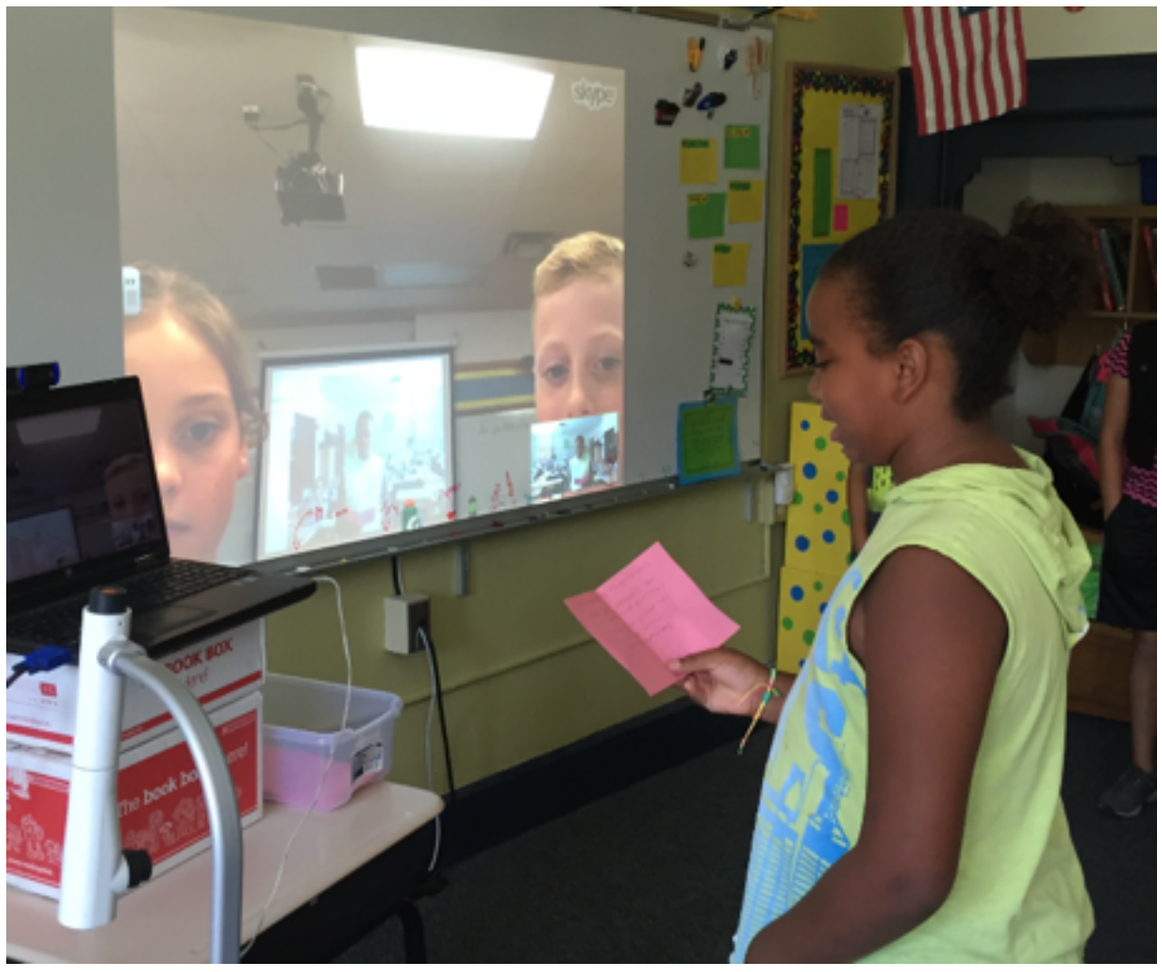
Student suggestions to help your Mystery Skype go smoothly!

Format of Mystery Skype



* Take turns asking questions

* Yes or No answers

* Paper-Rock-Scissors to go first

Speak clearly & get right in front of the camera!

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Use an iPad (Google Maps) to zoom in as the other class answers your questions!

* Great first question: “Are you in the United States?”

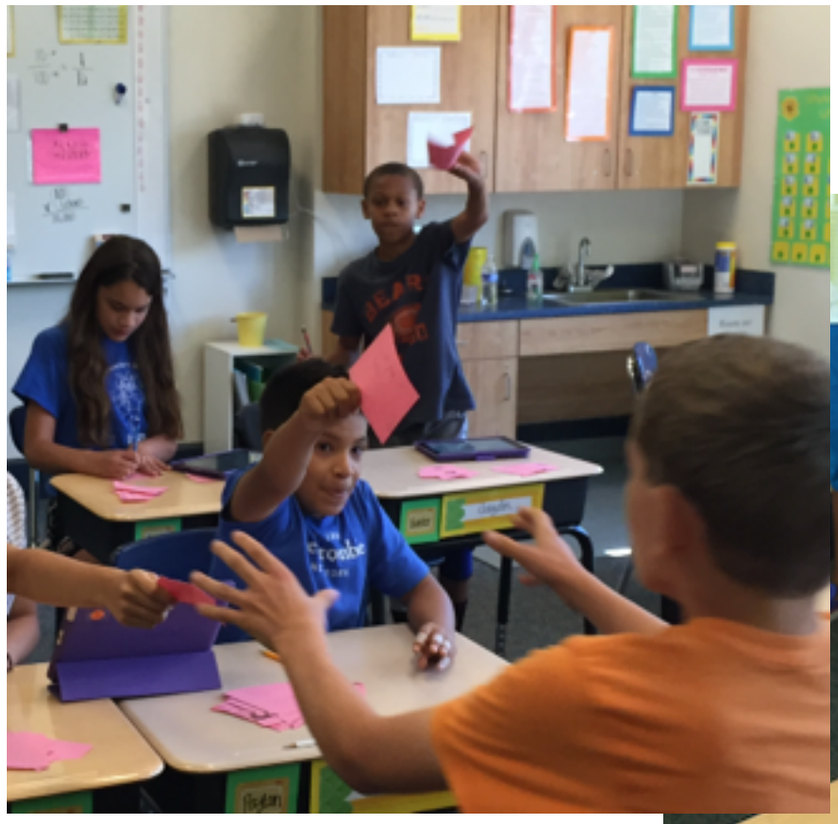
* Narrow down before asking specifics

* Get creative: “Are you in Central Time Zone?”

* Use landforms (rivers, mountain ranges, lakes)

Assign Jobs

* Greeter
* Answerers (2)
* Back-Up Map
* Askers (2)
* Runners (2)
* Recorder (2)
* Map Crew



Don’t yell out questions/ answers from background.

Step 3

Class Debrief

Practice makes perfect! Have practice sessions with just your class to get ready for the real deal.

* Discuss successes & challenges

* Digital Citizenship opportunity

* Make changes if needed!

Don’t wear any identifying clothes, and cover your clock!

Pay attention & watch/listen for any clues.

Keep a class map of where all your new friends are.

Say “one moment please,” if you aren’t quite ready to ask or answer a question.

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Let's try a Mystery Skype!