

virtual field trip lesson plans

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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!

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 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) _____

3. "Daily Life Tab"

Fill in facts about these parts of life in the community.

	* PILGRIMS *	* WAMPANOAG *
Housing		
clothes		
Food		
chores		
school		
Games		

4. "The Feast Tab" (slideshow)

Write 2 facts about the Thanksgiving Feast:

A) _____

B) _____

* SKIP "HISTORICAL LETTERS TAB" *

5. "Videos & Photos Tab"

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

Video Name: _____

A) _____

B) _____

You are 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," turn your paper in to the social studies tray! **

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

U.S. GEOGRAPHY & NATIONAL PARK

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*(*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/fp2gel>
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.



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. 6114) 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): _____

Climate (what is the weather like): _____

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

5. using the “National Geographic” app on the iPad, find the following information about your National Park:

Where to stay & Cost for 3 nights: _____

Statistic/Fact: _____

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

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

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

Password: lunch#

7. In Portaportal, go to "Picture Search." THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE WEBSITE www.pics4learning.com. Search for your park, and find 2 pictures of your National Park (EACH PARTNER SHOULD CHOOSE A PICTURE). Save your pictures using the directions 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:

NAME _____

VIRTUAL ROAD TRIP

** CLASS PRESENTATION **

These are the things you will be responsible for showing the class during your presentation!
Practice ahead of time with your partner, to decide who is talking about which part!

*** GOOGLE EARTH *** _____ is presenting this part.
Find your National Park on Google Earth. You will show the trip from Manhattan, KS, to your National Park. Explain about the landforms you will see as you travel.

*** BLOG & PICTURES *** _____ is presenting this part.
You will login to your blog (on the projector) and show your pictures. Explain what each picture is showing.

*** COMMENTS *** _____ Both partners are responsible _____ for this part.
Both partners need to login and comment on at least two blogs from the class. Make your comment helpful, and refer to something that the group talked about in their post!

** PRESENTATION GRADE **

GOOGLE EARTH (5 PTS.) _____
BLOG-PICTURES (5 PTS.) _____
BLOG-COMMENTS (5 PTS.) _____