

'Round the USA

Program: Web Browser

Grade Levels 3-4



Description: Students will tour the USA by visiting predetermined web sites coinciding with the social studies text. Each student will take notes on the site naming the exact location, telling 2 interesting facts, and explain why they would or would not want to visit that location. Students will receive a travel ticket with location and URL to take home for further investigation.

Procedures:

1. Visit web site on computer using URL on travel ticket.
2. Explore and gather facts on social studies topic to complete a note taking sheet.
3. Mark the location visited on student USA map as well as classroom master map.
4. Share travel ticket URL and discovered information with parents.

ISTE Technology Goals

- 1. Use keyboards and other common input and output devices (including adaptive devices when necessary) efficiently and effectively.
- 5. Use telecommunications efficiently and effectively to access remote information, communicate with others in support of direct and independent learning, and pursue personal interests.
- 7. Use telecommunications and online resources (e.g., e-mail, online discussions, Web environments) to participate in collaborative problem-solving activities for the purpose of developing solutions or products for audiences inside and outside the classroom.

Illinois State Goals

- Language Arts Goal 1: Read with understanding and fluency.
- Language Arts Goal 3: Write to communicate for a variety of purposes.
- Language Arts Goal 5: Use the language arts to acquire, assess and communicate information
- Social Studies Goal 14: Understand political systems, with an emphasis on the United States.
- Social Studies Goal 17: Understand world geography and the effects of geography on society, with an emphasis on the United States.