

Locating Ancient Anasazi, Mound Builder, and Inuit Ruins Using Google Maps

Overview:

As a follow-up to study on Anasazi, Mound Builders, and Inuit cultures in social studies, students will research one ruin or place from each culture and create a Google Tour to those three locations.

Possible modifications:

- Since this is early in the school year, this activity might be best scaffolded with the teacher leading or in a group to research one location. Later in the year, students can use what they have learned to make more extensive tours.
- Students choose one culture to research and use Google tools to collaborate and build the tour of all three cultures.

Materials:

- Student text—Scott Foresman Social Studies, Building a Nation, (5th grade), Chapter One
- Access to internet

Instructions:

- Students should have previously read and discussed the lessons in this chapter
- Students use research skills with text and online resources to identify a ruin from each culture. Students should collect one image and take notes then write a paragraph or two describing this ancient site. Be sure to cite sources of research and image credit. These paragraphs should be written in a Google Doc for ease of collaboration and integration into the tour.
- Instruct students in the use of Google Maps to create their tour. [This link](#) is good for teacher background as well as student instruction.

Resources:

[Instructional Video on creation of Google Tour](#)

Rubric and Standards:

- Well-constructed paragraph
 - Name of site, culture, location, significance of site
 - Reflects accurate research
 - Sources (including image) are cited
- Google tour
 - Accurate placement of ruins on map
 - Notation includes paragraph and image

Link to: [Rubric with Common Core Standards](#)



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