

What Am I? Human or Physical Feature

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Grade Level 3
Duration 3-4 class periods

National Standards

GEOGRAPHY

Element 2: Places and Regions

4. The physical and human characteristics of places

AZ Standards

ELA

Reading

Informational Text

3.RI.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

3.RI.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

Language

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

3.L.6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night, we went looking for them).

Speaking and Listening

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

3.SL.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

TECHNOLOGY

Processing

PO 5. Follow copyright laws when using text and media, obtain permission to use the work of others, and cite resources appropriately.

Arizona Social Science Standards

GEOGRAPHY

The use of geographic representations and tools helps individuals understand their world.

3.G1.1 Use and construct maps and graphs to represent changes in Arizona over time. Key concepts include but are not limited to locating physical features including the Grand Canyon, Mogollon Rim, Colorado River, Salt River, Gila River. Key concepts include but are not limited to locating human features including major cities, counties, Hoover Dam, Roosevelt Dam, and state capital. Key concepts include but are not limited to distinct physical and cultural characteristics of Arizona including landforms, the 5C's, climate zones, elevations, plants, animals, Arizona's 22 Indian Nations, diverse ethnic, racial, and religious cultures.

SIOP Elements		
Preparation Adapting content Linking to background Linking to past learning Strategies used	Scaffolding Modeling Guided practice Independent practice Comprehensible input	Grouping Option Whole class Small groups Partners Independent
Integrating Processes Reading Writing Speaking Listening	Application Hands on Meaningful Linked to objectives Promotes engagement	Assessment Individual Group Written Oral

Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards

Grade 3

Basic

Speaking and Writing

Standard 3 By the end of each language proficiency level, an English learner can speak and write about grade appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.

B-3 compose informational text that includes details to develop a topic while using appropriate conventions.

Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

Standard 7 By the end of each language proficiency level, an English learner can conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.

B-1: gather information from multiple provided resources to answer questions.

B-2: respond to a question or problem based on gathered information from multiple sources, including personal experience.

Overview

Arizona has many human features and physical features throughout the state. Some human features are the Hoover Dam and cities such as Phoenix, Arizona. Some of Arizona’s physical features include the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River.

human features: things that have been made by people.

map: a flat representation of the Earth

illustration: a picture that helps to explain something

location: a place

Purpose

In this lesson, students will learn the differences between physical and human features through discussion and creating their own landmark or feature. Students will then apply Internet technology to learning more about these features/landmarks. This lesson includes strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

Materials

- Landmarks in Arizona map (b/w version) https://geoalliance.asu.edu/sites/default/files/maps/AZ_landmarks.pdf
- Landmarks in Arizona map (color version) https://geoalliance.asu.edu/sites/default/files/maps/AZ_landmarks_color.pdf
- Information Gathering Sheet
- Computer lab
- Vocabulary Worksheet and Answer Key
- Vocabulary Cards
- Vocabulary Test and Answer Key
- Scoring Guide for Arizona Landmark/Feature Presentation
- Art Supplies (tinfoil, clay, paper, glue, etc)

Key Vocabulary

physical features: things that have been made by nature.



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- Optional: Harcourt Social Studies Textbook (pages 16-18)
- Session 1-- Ticket Out the Door
 - Name 1 feature from today's lesson?
 - Is it a physical or human feature?
- Session 2 -- Ticket Out the Door
 - Why is it important to be able to locate physical and human features in Arizona?
 - Name 1 feature from today's lesson.

Objectives

The student will be able to:

1. Describe and locate physical and human features in Arizona.
2. Locate information on the Internet.
3. Properly cite the sources of information found on the Internet.
4. Identify content vocabulary.

Procedures

Prerequisite Knowledge: Students have had some practice with Internet research and citing sources.

SESSION ONE

Engage:

1. Project the Arizona Landmark map. Have students locate and identify any human or physical features they already know. **(Preparation: Linking to background)**
2. Record the student responses on the whiteboard.
3. Set the room up for a Harkness Discussion (two circles of seats--one inside the other).
4. Ask the question: "What do you know about human and physical features in Arizona?" **(Preparation: Linking to background)**
5. The inside circle discusses the question out loud for 5 minutes. The outside circle observes and then gives feedback to inside circle. Reverse roles and do it again.

Explore:

1. Hand out Vocabulary Cards and Vocabulary Worksheet. Explain each card and have the students fill in the blanks for the definitions (2nd box) on the Vocabulary Worksheet. They also need to write in box 1, "I didn't know" or "I knew a little" etc. from the choices at the bottom of the page. **(Preparation: Linking to past learning, Grouping Option: Independent, Scaffolding: Comprehensible input)**
2. Then have them create a physical movement to represent each vocabulary word. Have them describe the movement in the 5th box. **(Application: Hands on and Promotes engagement)**

3. Have students complete boxes 3 (sentence) and 4 (illustration). What is not finished, can be homework.
4. Assign Ticket Out the Door and gather as students leave. **(Assessment: Written)**

SESSION TWO

Explain:

1. Look back at the student responses from Session One that were recorded on the whiteboard. Hand out Arizona Landmarks Maps to each student (or pairs of students). **(Grouping Option: Independent or Partners)**
2. Have students find a picture of one of the landmarks from the map either in a magazine or on the Internet. Make sure they know the location of this picture. (Note: to avoid having all students do the same location on the map, you can have students "draw out of a hat" or sign up so more of the state is represented.)
3. Pass out the Information Gathering Sheet and explain the assignment. Have student research the location of this picture and the feature itself. (Example: Yuma Territorial Prison is the feature. Location is Yuma, AZ.) **(Integrating Processes: Writing and Linked to Objectives)**
4. Have students print an Arizona map that shows where their feature is located, or they can highlight their feature on the Arizona Landmarks Map.
5. Remind students to document the websites they have been using to gather information.
6. Have students complete Session 2 -- Ticket Out the Door. **(Assessment: Individual)**

SESSION THREE AND FOUR

Elaborate:

1. Review Vocabulary words. **(Preparation: Linking to past learning)**
2. Share the Scoring Guide for Arizona Landmark/Feature Presentation so students understand how they will be assessed. **(Scaffolding: Comprehensible input)**
3. Pass out art supplies (tin foil, clay, toothpicks, etc.). Have student refer to their research from Session Two and create a 3-D version of their feature/landmark. Enforce a 10-minute time limit. **(Application: Hands on and Promotes engagement)**

Evaluate:

1. Have students (or student pairs) share their features/landmarks with the class--both what they researched and their 3-D versions of the landmark/feature. **(Integrating Processes: Speaking and Listening)**



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2. Have students complete the self-evaluation portion of the Scoring Guide for Arizona Landmark/Feature Presentation. (**Assessment: Individual**)

Assessment

1. Student knowledge of vocabulary can be tested. A score of 80% or higher on the Vocabulary Test will be considered mastery.
2. Use the Scoring Guide for Arizona Landmark/Feature Presentation to score the 3-D model and their oral presentations. Mastery will be considered 51 points or higher on the scoring guide.
3. Tickets Out the Door can be graded for completeness.
4. Information Gathering Sheet can be graded for completeness.

Extensions

- To learn about climate/weather in your state, look at local newspapers for statewide forecasts. Have students comment on what human and physical features might be impacted by or create this climate/weather.

Sources

Landmarks in Arizona Map- Retrieved from <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga/sites/default/files/maps>



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