



Teacher Lesson Plan Idea

Arkansas Geographical Regions Puzzle

FRAMEWORK(s): G.1.AH.7-8.1, G.1.AH.7-8.2, G.1.AH.7-8.3, G.1.AH.7-8.4, G.1.AH.7-8.5

GRADE LEVEL(s): 7th and 8th, but can be adapted for others.

TASK: Students shall research the geographical regions of Arkansas.

APPROXIMATE TIME: 2 class periods

MATERIALS: Arkansas magazines, postcards, Internet images
(anything that can be suit for puzzle pieces)
Glue
Scissors
Pre-printed puzzle pieces
Construction paper to mount pieces on

PROCEDURE:

Students will be working in groups to show the various attributes of the six geographical regions of the state of Arkansas by creating geographic regions puzzles using pre-printed puzzle shapes and Arkansas images.

Days 1 and 2

1. Separate into groups and assign jobs for each of the group members
 - a. Landforms/Environmental Info (rivers, lakes, etc.) _____
 - b. Vegetation/Plant Life/Natural Resources _____
 - c. Unique or Distinguishing Characteristics _____
 - d. Business/Trade _____
 - e. Location (relative) _____
 - f. Tourist attractions _____
 - g. History _____
 - h. Famous people from region _____
2. Use the internet to find information about each region and attribute
 - a. Students may print out pictures and glue them onto puzzle piece
3. Return to group to share information. Secretary writes info down for later use
4. Draw or glue information on region cutout in specified color.
5. Cut region out to make puzzle piece
6. Add to other regions to complete state.
7. Make key defining each attribute with each color.

PROCESS GRID

	Ozarks	AR River Valley	Ouachitas	Gulf Coastal Plain (Timberlands)	Mississippi Alluvial Plain (Delta)	Crowley's Ridge
Landforms						
Vegetation/ Resources						
Unique Characteristics						
Economy						
Location (relative)						
Tourism						
History						
Famous People						



