

Social Studies Internet Scavenger Hunt



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Resource: <http://www.scholastic.com/profbooks/easyinternet/index.htm>

Introduction

Doing research today is not quite the same as doing research 20 years ago. Back then, the best place to find information was the library. Today, we have the internet. This scavenger hunt will help you build your research skills.



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Directions

Each slide in this PowerPoint gives you a website URL to investigate. Read each slide fully. **At the top of your index card write the theme and your name.** Answer all of the questions on each slide by writing your response in a complete sentence on an index card. Also answer the challenge question. **On the very bottom of your index card, write the URL or web address.**

Directions

Your teacher will show you how to do the first question. Then you will work on your own to answer the remaining questions.

Remember each slide has its own theme and questions. Use one index card per slide.

At the end of class, make sure your name is on your card and turn your card in to your teacher's index card file box for your class.

The White House for Kids

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house>

Did you know that the White House has 35 bathrooms? Take a tour of the White House to find out more!

- How many floors (levels) does the White House have?
- Who was the first president to live in the White House?
- How many guests can the State Dining Room hold for dinner or lunch?

Challenge: What is the largest room in the White House?

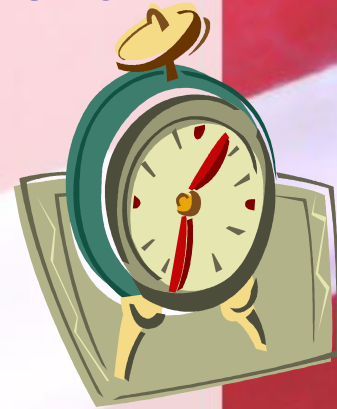
About Daylight Saving Time

<http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving>

What exactly is daylight saving time? Why do we fall back or spring forward each year? Study this site to learn more.

- Who first conceived the idea of daylight saving time and when?
- Why do we have daylight saving time?
- What three US states do not observe daylight saving time?

Challenge: What does the European Union call daylight saving time?



Capitals

<http://www.50states.com/cap.htm>

Do you know the capital of all 50 states? Visit this site to learn more.

- What is the capital of North Carolina?
- What is the capital of Virginia?
- What is the capital of California?
- What is the capital of New York?

Challenge: What do the letters DC stand for in Washington, DC?

Entrepreneurs

<http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=1069&type=student>



Read about Milton Hershey to learn more about entrepreneurs.

- 1) Define entrepreneur.
- 2) Describe two risks Hershey took on his way to success.
- 3) What special skills and initiative did Hershey have?

Challenge: What do you admire most in Hershey's character?

The American Civil War

<http://library.thinkquest.org/3055/netscape>

In the 1860s, the northern states in America waged war against the southern states. This was called the American Civil War.

- 1) When was the Battle of Gettysburg fought?
- 2) When and where did General Robert E. Lee surrender?
- 3) Who stated, "War is cruelty."

Challenge: Who was President of the Union during the Civil War?



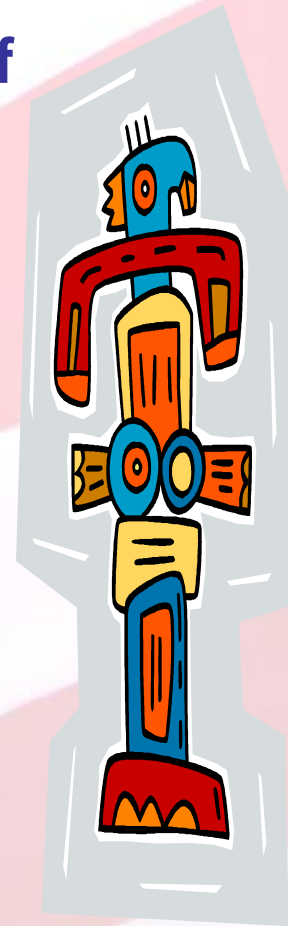
Totem Poles

<http://users.imag.net/~sry.jkramer/nativetotems/default.html>

Totem Poles remind Native Americans of their family ancestry.

- 1) What are totem poles made of?**
- 2) Where can you find the tallest totem pole standing today?**
- 3) What does it mean for a totem pole to be sanctioned?**

Challenge: What does the expression “low man on the totem pole” mean and why is it misleading?



Glacier Index

http://www.coolantarctica.com/Antarctica%20fact%20file/fascinating_facts_about_antar.htm

Nothing can be cooler (or should I say colder) than Antarctica!

- 1) What is the lowest temperature ever recorded in Antarctica?
- 2) What percentage of earth's ice does Antarctica Ice Sheet hold?
- 3) Why is it the best place to find meteorites?



Challenge: How would the Earth be effected if the ice melted in Antarctica?

Trail of Tears

<http://www.kidskonnnect.com/subjectindex/16-educational/history/282-trail-of-tears.html>

Throughout history, Native Americans were treated unfairly. Cherokee Indians were forced to leave their homes. Learn more about the Trail of Tears.

- 1) How many miles were the Cherokees forced to walk?
- 2) When did this journey take place?
- 3) About how many Cherokee Indians died on this journey?



How Far Is It?

http://www.myrateplan.com/how_far/

On a car ride with your family, how many times have you asked, “Are we there yet?” Now you can find out how many miles you are traveling all by yourself!

- 1) Find the distance between Seattle and New York.
- 2) Find the distance between Dallas and Atlanta.
- 3) Find the distance between your hometown and Hawaii.



Challenge: Which is longer – a mile or a kilometer?

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USA State Flags and Symbols

<http://statesymbolsusa.org/index.html>

Have you ever looked at your state flag and wondered why did they use those colors or symbols?

- 1) What do the bear and the star represent on California's state flag?
- 2) Why is there a palmetto tree on South Carolina's state flag?
- 3) What animal appears in the center of Wyoming's state flag?

Challenge: What colors are North Carolina's state flag?

The World Factbook: Canada

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ca.html>

Canada is America's next door neighbor country to the north.

- 1) What title is given to Canada's head of government?
- 2) When do Canadians celebrate their Independence day?
- 3) 3) How many provinces and territories make up Canada?

Challenge: What are the two official languages of Canada?

Meet Mexico

<http://www.visitmexico.com/en/la-venta-an-olmec-treasure-in-tabasco-mexico>

What if you just won a free trip to Mexico?! You would want to research the country to prepare for your visit!

- 1) What does the word Olmec mean?
- 2) What is the Mexican unit of currency?
- 3) What language is spoken in Mexico?



Challenge: What city would you like to visit in Mexico and why?

Maps and Globes

<http://www.factmonster.com/world/geography/types-maps.html>

Maps offer lots of information. Search this site to find out more!

- 1) What do historical maps show?
- 2) Define the term latitude.
- 3) What kind of map is associated with governments?

Challenge: There should be a map of the school in every classroom. Why do you think teachers post a map by their door in their classroom?

Jamestown, Virginia

<http://www.historian.org/local/jamstwnva.htm#aa2>

- 1) How did the colonists contribute to the failure of Jamestown?
- 2) What crop turned Jamestown into an economic success?
- 3) What name did Pocahontas take after converting to Christianity?

Challenge: What three objectives did King James give the London Company when he sent them to the new world?

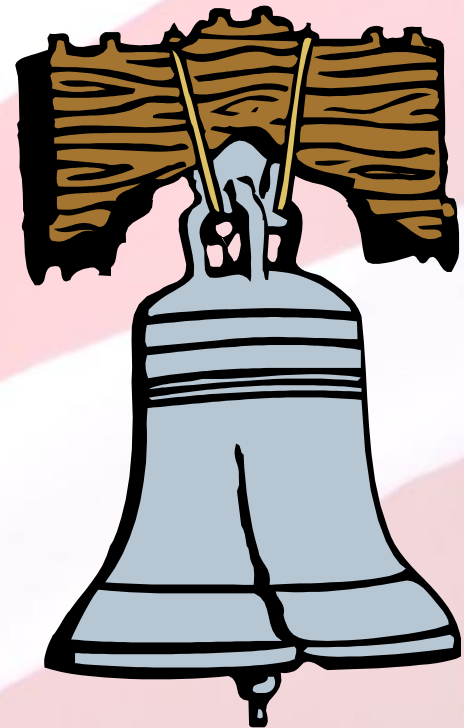
Liberty Bell

<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/facts.html>

The Liberty Bell proudly rang at the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.

- What was the first name given to the Liberty Bell?
- How old was the bell when it was first called the Liberty Bell?
- What is the most popular date given for when the famous crack in the Liberty Bell occurred?

Challenge: What is the current weight of the Liberty Bell?



American Presidents

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/photogallery/the-presidents>

Would you one day want to become President of the United States?

- 1) During what years did George Washington serve as president?**
- 2) What was William H. Harrison's claim to fame as president? How long was he in office?**
- 3) What role did Ulysses S. Grant play in the Civil War?**

Challenge: Who issued the Emancipation Proclamation and what did it do?

Wild and Scenic Rivers

<http://www.rivers.gov>

- 1) What characteristics should a river possess in order to be protected under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act?
- 2) Which state has the most rivers protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act?
- 3) What four federal agencies are part of the Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council?



Challenge: When was the act first passed?

Time Zone Converter

<http://www.timezoneconverter.com/cgi-bin/tzc.tzc>

There are four time zones in the continental United States and more than 20 in the world!

- 1) It is 12:00 P.M. in Denver, Colorado. What time is it in Hong Kong?
- 2) It is 5:35 P.M. in Anchorage, Alaska. What time is it in Honolulu, Hawaii?
- 3) It is 6:37 P.M. in London. What time is it in Jerusalem?

Challenge: How many hours difference are there between Hawaii and New York?



Underwater Archaeology

<http://www.abc.se/~pa/uwa/whatis.htm>

- 1) What do maritime archaeologists study?
- 2) What was the Vasa and when did it sink?
- 3) Why are shipwrecks in the Baltic Sea and the Great lakes better preserved than those in the Atlantic and other salt seas?



Challenge: What is an amphora?

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You are almost finished!

Collect your 19 cards from your teacher.

Take one more index card from your teacher and make a title card. Your **Title Card** should look like the next slide...

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Your Name

Your Teachers Name

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Finishing up your project...

Thanks for your hard work on this project.

Each of your 20 cards should get a hole punch in the top left corner. Then get a book ring from your teacher to put all of your cards on for safe keeping. Use color pencils to sketch a related picture on each card.

Your social studies teacher will take a project grade for your great work!

