

FLAT STANLEY PBL

SECOND GRADE

PROJECT IDEA:

Students will create their own Flat Stanley that will travel around North America to visit family and friends. Our family and friends will provide our Flat Stanleys with a once in a lifetime experience showing them around their local area and sharing requested information about their specific location. The information and photos received from Flat Stanley's travels will be used to learn about North America and the special features of each region.



DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we create a Flat Stanley to help us become experts on the map of North America? How can we use our research and data to persuade other community members of the benefits to living in those regions?

CONTENT:

Social Studies:

2.2.2 Label from memory a simple map of the North American continent, including the countries, oceans, great lakes, major rivers, and mountain ranges. Identify the essential map elements, title, legend, directional indicator, scale and date.

2.2.4. Compare and contrast basic land use in urban, suburban, and rural environments in California.

Language arts:

RL.2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

W.2.2. Write informative/explanatory text in which they introduce a topic, use facts, and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.

W.2.5. With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.

W.2.8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer questions.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



MAJOR PRODUCTS:

Individual - Students will create their own individual Flat Stanley and do research on one of the states that he traveled to.

Team - Student teams will create a presentation on one of the North American regions that their Flat Stanleys traveled to.

MAKING IT PUBLIC:

Students will send their Flat Stanleys to relatives and friends across North America. They will present as a group about a region in North America to the entire second grade student body and our school community.