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LET'S TRAVEL TO...

ARIZONA



Monument Valley is on the Arizona - Utah border

48th US STATE

- Arizona became a US state on February 14, 1912. Yes, that's Valentine's Day!
- This is why it is sometimes called "The Valentine State."
- Arizona was the last of the 48 contiguous states to join the US.
- After Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states.

GRADES
2-5

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ON THE SPECIALS?

TRIVIA QUESTION

Arizona is home
to three deserts.

Which of these deserts
is **NOT** in Arizona?

(answer on next slide)



Sonoran Desert



Mojave Desert

WHAT TO EAT IN ARIZONA

Try some cactus!

You can eat the flat pads or fruit of prickly pear cactus, which
grows natively in Arizona. Be sure to remove the spines!



Prickly pear cactus

The fruit can be used to make jams or jellies.



Nopales are cooked prickly pear cactus.

Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times
each week? There is a variety of content here, so you don't
need to use every slide with every grade level.
No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

TWO-PART LESSON

STATE FLOWER



The Arizona state flower is the blossom of the saguaro cactus.

These large flowers are white and have a waxy surface.

ARIZONA STATE FLAG



The red and yellow stripes represent the sun's rays.

There are 13 red and yellow stripes, to represent the 13 original US colonies.

The colors red and yellow are based on the Spanish flag.

The blue at the bottom is the same blue as the US flag.

The blue part represents the Colorado River.

The copper-colored star in the middle represents copper mining. Arizona is the largest copper-producing state in the US.

Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation!
Each part takes about 25 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

ARIZONA ANIMALS



Gila monster



CLIMATE IN ARIZONA

- Southwestern desert is warm, hot, or very hot!
Very little rain falls in the southwest desert.
- Lots of sunshine!
- Higher elevations and mountains can get below freezing in winter. They can also have snowfall.
- The snowiest city in Arizona is **Flagstaff**, which averages over 100 inches of snow each year!
Flagstaff is in the mountains of northern Arizona.



Humphrey's Peak near Flagstaff, AZ

Part I is a guided whole-class discussion.

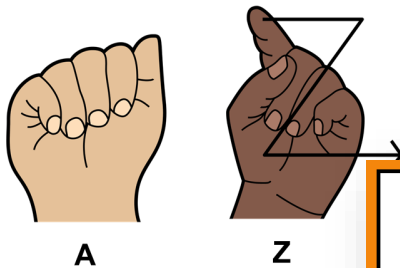
Includes sign language, state flower, flag, bird, map, etc.

PART I - WHOLE CLASS LESSON

SIGN LANGUAGE

The postal abbreviation for Arizona is "AZ."

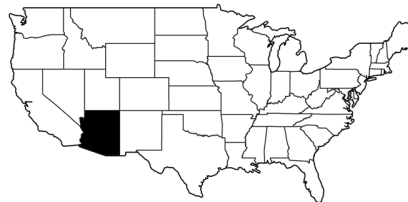
Or, you can also sign "Arizona" by:



1. Make an "A" on one hand.
2. Put your A hand by the side of your chin. Your thumb should be near, but not quite touching your chin.
3. Slide the A hand across, in front of your chin, once. Your thumb should point back toward you, but it

ARIZONA ON A MAP

Arizona is a large US state. It is the 6th largest state in the US by area. Its nickname is "The Grand Canyon State."



Sample slides from Part I

GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

LET'S READ!

Paste your read-aloud book cover in this area.

See the Recommended Reads
for read-aloud suggestions.

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This slide is
fully-editable,
including the
artwork.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1



Choose your books.

2



Bring your books to
the circulation desk.

3



Complete the
Scavenger Hunt.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide.

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

FOODS TO TRY IN ARIZONA

Visiting Arizona? Try some fry bread!

Fry bread is a staple of indigenous groups of North America. It is particularly associated with the Navajo Nation.

It is a crispy flat bread fried in oil, shortening, or lard. It is often served with honey, powdered sugar, meat, or beans.

Fry bread tacos are an Arizona specialty.



FOUR CORNERS STATES

The "Four Corners" is the point where four states meet.
It is the only place in the US where four states meet at one exact point.

The 4 states are: Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico.



Four Corners Monument



Part II includes additional facts about Arizona wildlife, places of interest, foods, would-you-rathers, and more! These slides are meant to scroll on a timer during checkout time.

SCROLLING SLIDES

LIBRARY REVIEW

You want to find out why Arizona and Hawaii do not observe Daylight Saving Time. Where can you look?



- a. today's newspaper
- b. online encyclopedia
- c. book about california
- d. cookbook

WOULD YOU RATHER...?



Hike in Grand Canyon
National Park

OR



Ski in the Arizona mountains

More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides

DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

TRIVIA QUESTION

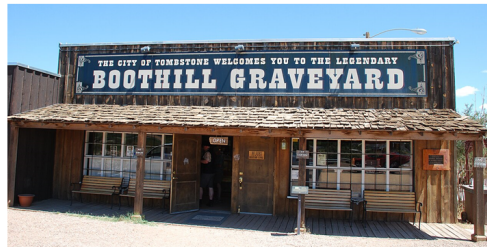
Only two US states do NOT observe Daylight Saving Time. One is Arizona. What is the other one?



California

TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

Do you love the Wild West? You'll love the Wild West town of Tombstone!



Tombstone was established in 1879 by a silver prospector (miner). About thirty years after the California Gold Rush in California in 1849, there was a silver rush in Arizona!

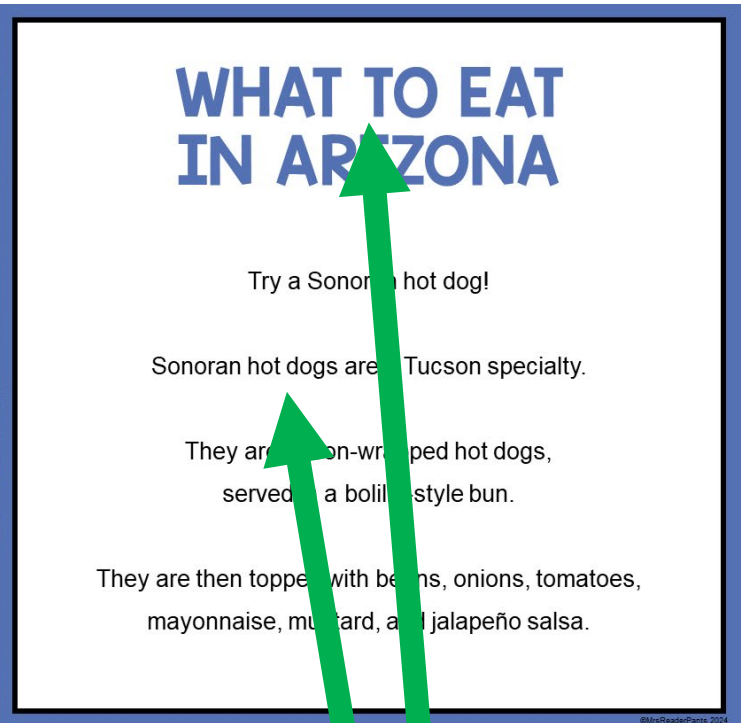
A famous part of Tombstone is the Boothill Graveyard. This is a real graveyard that features lots of funny sayings on the Tombstones.

I've also included a Google Slides version!

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(images)**



**Editable (all text
and headers)**

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PRE-FILLED LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE

NOTES ON THIS LESSON:

Use this space for any notes you might want for next year.

Is there anything you would like to change?

LESSON PLAN

PREPARED BY:

Prep is very important!

- **Check your lesson:** PowerPoint where students will use the presentation.
- If you have a **slide** in an area or where you are presenting.
- **Edit your slides.** You can look at **Slides 43-44** for a challenge question.
- **Learn the sign language** so you already know.
- **Select your read-aloud** but you can choose.
- **Organize your slides** any of them up into presentation?
- **Set your timings** if included).
- If you are using this **display** of read-aloud.
- Do you want to use in your storytime area?

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Sign the ASL sign for "Arizona" and the postal abbreviation "AZ"
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about Arizona state landmarks, major cities, landmarks, flag, etc.
- Find Arizona and the Four Corners region on a US map
- Identify Phoenix as the Arizona state capital
- Learn the significance of symbols on the Arizona state flag

RELATED VIDEO:

- **"Inside Arizona's London Bridge"** by BBC England (<4 minutes)
- **"The Grand Canyon"** by SciShow Kids (<5 minutes)
- **"Arizona for Kids"** by Homeschool Pop (<8 minutes)
- **Route 66 scene from Cars** (<4 minutes)
- **"Saguaro Wilderness: A Day in the Desert"** by National Park Service Wilderness (<4 minutes)

READ-ALOUD(S)

TYPE READ-ALOUD TITLES HERE

LIBRARY SKILLS

You want to find out why Arizona and Hawaii do not observe Daylight Saving Time.

Where can you look?

LESSON PLAN

DATES

TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

GRADES

TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

AASL 1.D.3
Enacting new understanding through real-world.

AASL C.1.1
Interacting with content presented by others.

AASL 1.1.6
Read, view, and listen for information presented in order to make inferences and gather meaning.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.10
Read and comprehend complex, literary and informational texts.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.1
Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse peers and adults in small and larger groups.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7
Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, globes) to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.10
By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, technical texts, in the grades 4-6 text complexity band proficiently.

TEKS (TEXAS)

§113.14 SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 3
(4) Geography. The student understands how humans adapt to and modify the physical environment and explain variations in climate, landforms, natural resources, and natural hazards.

§113A SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 5

CONCEPTS

- Arizona wildlife: western diamondback rattlesnake, cactus wren, Arizona bark scorpion, American black bear, Gila monster, javelina, road runner, chuckwalla, two-tailed swallowtail, ringtail
- ASL sign for "Arizona" and postal abbreviation "AZ"
- Important cities in Arizona
- Arizona state flower: blossom of the saguaro cactus
- Landforms: Grand Canyon, Window Rock, 3 deserts, Monument Valley, Petrified Forest
- Places of Interest: Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon National Park, Tombstone, Lake Havasu City, Four Corners, Barringer Crater, Navajo Nation, Route 66
- Arizona foods: fry bread, nopales, Sonoran hot dog
- Vocabulary: erosion, crater, impact crater, Sun Belt, petrified
- Climate
- Daylight Saving Time
- Decline of Route 66

POST-READING ACTIVITY

Students will find and color various images found in the scrolling

Includes a pre-filled, editable lesson plan template for this library lesson. AASL, TEKS, and CCSS standards are all included on the lesson plan.

RECOMMENDED READS

“Arizona Settings”

PICTURE BOOKS

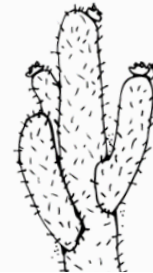
Fry Bread (Maillard)
Art & Max (Wiesner)
Way Out in the Desert (Marsh)
The Three Little Javelinas (Lowell)
The Seed and the Giant Saguaro
(Ward)
Big Moon Tortilla (Cowley)

FICTION

Dust (Bowling)
Across the Desert (Bowling)
The Canyon's Edge (Bowling)
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a
Cactus* (Bowling)
Going Wild (McMann)
*Paola Santiago and the River of
Tears* (Mejia)
Healer of the Water Monster (Young)
Race to the Sun (Roanhorse)

NONFICTION

Grand Canyon (Chin)
National Parks of the USA (Siber)
Saguaro's Gifts (Cyrus)
The Night Flower (Hawthorne)
*Food for Hope: How John Van Hengel Invented Food
Banks for the Hungry* (Gottesfeld)
Quiet Hero: The Ira Hayes Story (Nelson)
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez (Krull)
*Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code
Talker's Story* (Bruchac)
Barbed Wire Baseball (Moss)
*Navajo Long Walk: The Tragic Story of a Proud People's
Forced March From Their Homeland* (Bruchac)
*The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty
Navajo Nation* (McGinty)






Includes separate page (editable) that lists 26 titles of books for Grades 2-5 that are set in Arizona. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.

PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS


Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT


Can you find all the images in the presentation?


EASIER



Color Arizona on a US map



Gila monster



The Grand Canyon

Library Lesson - Arizona

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT


Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What is the largest Native American Reservation in the US?



What is the largest Native American Reservation in the US?

Which 4 US states form the Four Corners?




Color Arizona on a US map



Write one word to describe Arizona's climate.

What famous bridge is in Lake Havasu City, Arizona?



What kind of food are nopales?

Name one...

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What is the largest Native American Reservation in the US?

Navajo Nation

What country does Arizona border?

USA


ANSWER KEY

Answers may include: dry, hot, sunny

Which town has a famous graveyard?

Tombstone

Color Arizona on a map of the USA:



Write one word to describe Arizona's climate.

Sonoran Chihuahuan Mojave

What famous bridge is in Lake Havasu City, Arizona?

London Bridge

What kind of food are nopales?

prickly pear cactus

Name one of the three deserts in Arizona.

Colorado

Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

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LET'S TRAVEL TO... ALASKA

TRIVIA QUESTION
Alaska and Hawaii were the last two states admitted to the USA.
Both were admitted in 1959. Which one was first?

Alaska OR Hawaii (answer on next slide)

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

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LET'S TRAVEL TO... NEW YORK

STATE BIRD

The state bird of New York is the eastern bluebird.

These cute songbirds are common across the eastern half of the USA. They also can be seen in parts of Canada, Mexico, and Central America.

Eastern bluebirds eat insects and berries.

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5

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LET'S TRAVEL TO TEXAS!

TEXAS STATE BIRD

The Texas state bird is the northern mockingbird.

Mockingbirds can imitate the sounds of other birds, plus machinery, music, frogs, and toads!

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5

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LET'S TRAVEL TO... CALIFORNIA

WORLD'S OLDEST TREE

Metastrobil is the name of a bristlecone pine tree in California's White Mountains.

Metastrobil is the oldest known living organism in the world. The tree is thought to be around 4800 years old.

To protect Metastrobil from humans who might harm it, the tree's specific location is a secret.

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5

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