


LET'S TRAVEL TO...PENNSYLVANIA!

Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images in the presentation?



groundhog
US flag
mushrooms
Liberty Bell

keystone

Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

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|---|---|
| Why is the Liberty Bell cracked? | Color Pennsylvania on this map of the USA. |
| What is Pennsylvania's state nickname? | Name three Pennsylvania animals. |
| Pennsylvania is one of the 13 Original _____. | The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are both located in what city? |
| Color the keystone in this arch. | How long is the Appalachian Trail? |
| A small town or village is also called a _____. | |

RECOMMENDED READS

"Pennsylvania"

PICTURE BOOKS
Symphony for a Broken Orchestra: How Philadelphia Collected Sounds to Save Music (Ignatow)
Other Jones and Her Army of Mill Children (Winter)
Living the Liberty Bell (McDonald)
Hukkah at Valley Forge (Krensky)
Groundhog Day! (Gibbons)

FICTION
My Own Lightning (Wolk)
Radiant (Nelson)



PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH / AMISH

- Community of people known for a simple, traditional lifestyle
- Emphasizes self-sufficiency, strong families, and separation from the outside world
- The Amish community in Lancaster County, PA has lived there for over 300 years. They are the largest Amish group in the USA.

GRADES
2-5

DESIGNED FOR THE SPECIALS ROTATION

STATE FLOWER



Pennsylvania's state flower is the mountain laurel. It is also the state flower of Connecticut.

Mountain laurel grows well in wooded areas.

STATE BIRD

The state bird of Pennsylvania is the ruffed grouse.

These birds are brown and gray.
They have a fan-shaped tail.

Males are known for the drumming sound they make. This sound is used to attract females and mark territory.



This Pennsylvania Library Lesson is designed for one 50-minute library class, or two 25-minute classes.

Parts I and II divide naturally, making it easy to stop and pick up the lesson next week.

EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The first 13 states to join the USA are called the Thirteen Original Colonies. Pennsylvania is one of them!

There are 13 red and white stripes on the US flag. These stripes represent the 13 original colonies.



TRIVIA QUESTION

Pennsylvania produces more _____ than any other state in the USA.



mushrooms



corn



apples

(answer on next slide)

GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1



Choose your books.

2



3



LET'S READ!

Paste your read-aloud book cover in this area.

See the Recommended Reads
for read-aloud suggestions.

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squirrel

The presentation guides library time from start to finish!

Includes sign language video link, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide. All editable!

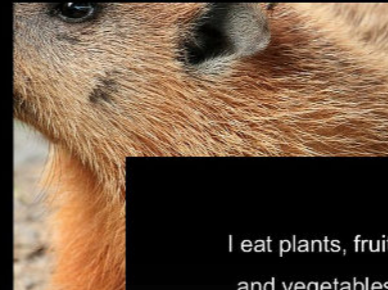
PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Part I is a whole-group lesson.
It is a librarian-led, guided discussion
to introduce Pennsylvania.

Slides include: Pennsylvania state
flag, state flower, state nickname, state
bird, location on a map, and more!

WHAT PENNSYLVANIA ANIMAL AM I?

I have big front teeth
that never stop
growing.



I am also called
a woodchuck or a
whistle pig.

I eat plants, fruits,
and vegetables.

I can climb trees
and swim.



I AM A GROUNDHOG!

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

FOODS TO TRY IN PA



Try a slice of shoofly pie!

This pie is associated with Amish and Mennonite people, who live a simple life.

These people together are called the Pennsylvania Dutch.

Shoofly pie is made with molasses on a

VALLEY FORGE



Wood cabin at Valley Forge

Today, Valley Forge is a national park where you can see old cabins, statues, and trails that tell the story of the soldiers who stayed there.

Valley Forge National Park is home to deer, foxes, birds, and even wild turkeys!

The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

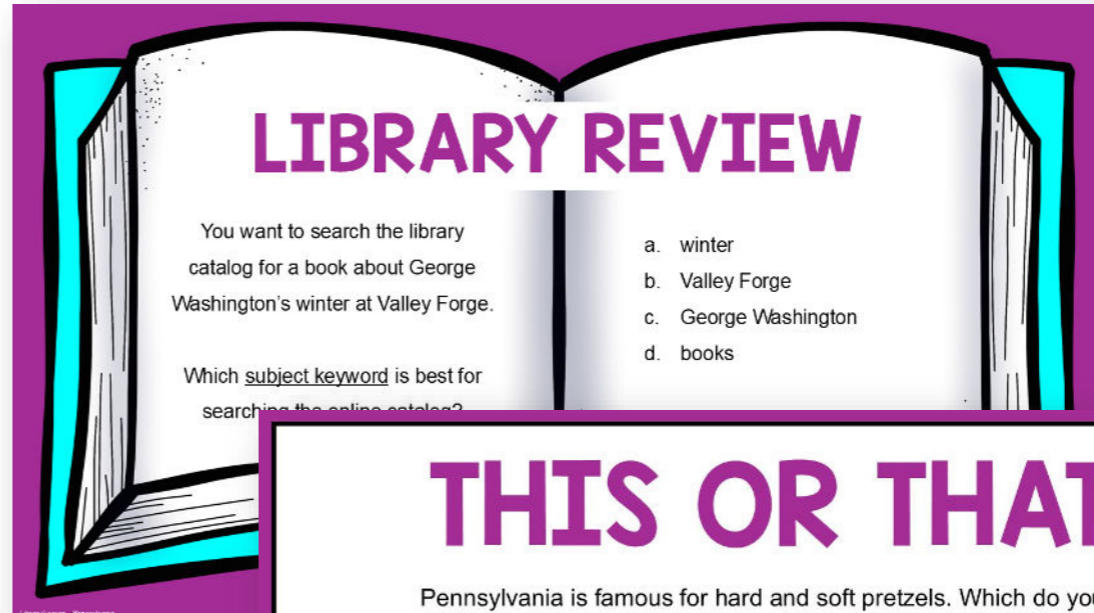
The scrolling slides include fun facts about the Pennsylvania, vocabulary, Would-You-Rathers, library skills review, landmarks, wildlife, foods, and brief history.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

ON THE SPECIALS ROTATION?

Move the slides around within the presentation to differentiate lessons for grade levels.

This helps keep the lesson interesting for you if you are a Specials rotation librarian teaching the same lesson multiple times during the week.



EASY-TO-READ FONTS

WOULD YOU RATHER...?



See the big cannons at Valley Forge

OR



See the 1300 animals at Philadelphia Zoo

All my resources are designed to maximize readability and accessibility for all students.

Only two fonts are used in all parts of this resource: Arial (body text, recommended by the British Dyslexia Association) and KG Blank Space Solid (headers).

There is no cursive, no fancy fonts, and no random capitalizations.

Lines of text are spaced at 1.5 throughout the slide presentation.

CLEAN BACKGROUNDS AND FONT COLORS

Slide
backgrounds
are white.



The Assembly Room in
Independence Hall –
This is where the Declaration
of Independence (1776) and
Constitution (1788) were
written and signed

INDEPENDENCE HALL

- Located in Philadelphia
- Very historic! The Declaration of Independence and US Constitution were both signed here.

Independence Hall was also the meeting place for the Second Continental Congress (1775-1783)
The Liberty Bell is also located here.

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Nearly all
body
text is black.

Header text is
in color for
emphasis.

These design choices help ensure the text is as clean and clear as possible for students with dyslexia or vision challenges.

PRESENTATION IMAGES

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PENNSYLVANIA BORDERS

Water Borders:

- Lake Erie
- No ocean borders

Land Borders:

- Ohio
- West Virginia
- Maryland (green)
- Delaware (red-orange)
- New Jersey (magenta)
- New York

Country Borders:

- Canada (very small border on Lake Erie with the province of Ontario)

Pennsylvania is YELLOW on this map. Do you see it?

Map by Dancing Crayon Designs on TPT

Every slide in this Library Lesson includes at least one large, high-quality image that **complements** the text on that slide.



image credits are in the slide notes of each slide

ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

Images
are not
editable



FOODS TO TRY IN PA

Try a slice of shoofly pie!

This pie is associated with Amish and Mennonite people, who live a simple life.

These people together are called the Pennsylvania Dutch.

Shoofly pie is made with molasses on a flaky homemade crust. It is topped with a brown sugar and butter crumble.

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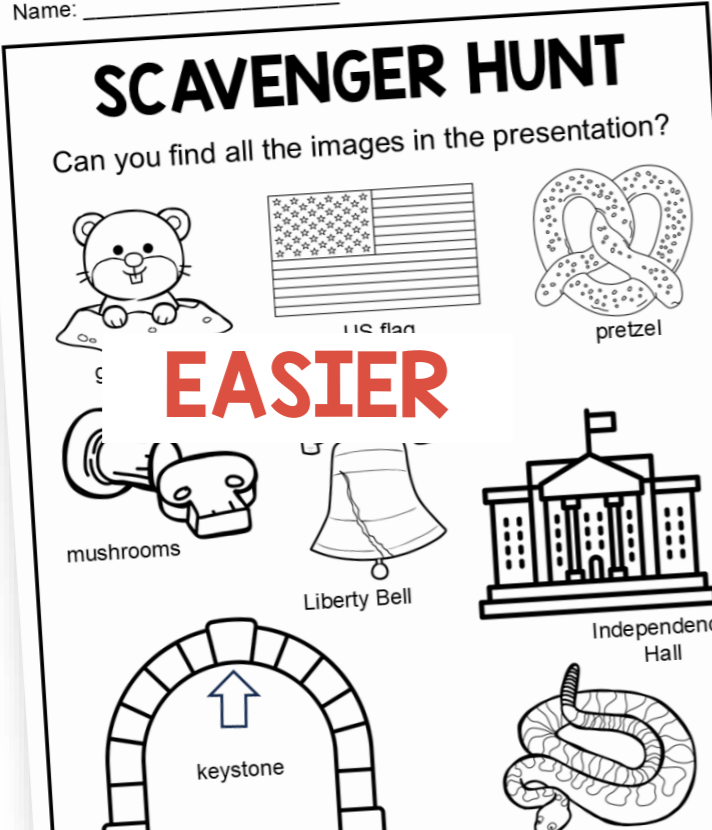
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DIFFERENTIATED SCAVENGER HUNTS

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images in the presentation?



EASIER

US flag

pretzel

mushrooms

Liberty Bell

Independence Hall

keystone

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

Why is the Liberty Bell cracked?

Color Pennsylvania on this map of the USA.

HARDER

What is Pennsylvania's state nickname

Pennsylvania is one of the 13 Original _____

Name three Pennsylvania animals

The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are both located in what city?

Color the keystone in this arch.

How long is the Appalachian Trail?

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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Why is the Liberty Bell cracked?

The Keystone State

Color Pennsylvania on this map of the USA.

ANSWER KEY

great horned owl

The Liberty Bell and Independence Hall are both located in what city?

Color the keystone in this arch.

borough

How long is the Appalachian Trail?

2200 miles

A small town or village is also called a _____

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

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED READS

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PICTURE BOOKS

Symphony for a Broken Orchestra: How Philadelphia Collected Sounds to Save Music
(Ignatow)

Mother Jones and Her Army of Mill Children (Winter)

Saving the Liberty Bell (McDonald)

Hanukkah at Valley Forge (Krensky)

Groundhog Day! (Gibbons)

FICTION

Ruptured (Fritz)

Rewind (Graff)

The Firefly Summer (Matson)

Dear Mothman (Gow)

Attack of the Black Rectangles
(King)

Ophie's Ghosts (Ireland)

Wolf Hollow (Wolk)

FICTION

My Own Lightning (Wolk)

Radiant (Nelson)

Ghosts Come Rising (Perry)

Breaker Boy (Harlow)

Fleabrain Loves Franny
(Rocklin)

Goodbye, Mr. Spalding (Barr)

NONFICTION

Call Me Roberto!: Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat (Alonso)

Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life (Pinkney)

The Extraordinary Suzy Wright: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier (Kanefield)

Corner of Chocolate Avenue: How



Includes a printable list of Pennsylvania-themed picture books, fiction books, informational books, and a graphic novel.

This list is great for student reference, for teachers, or to send home to parents.

All text is editable.

MORE US STATE LIBRARY LESSONS

Love this Library Lesson? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this Pennsylvania Library Lesson. The lessons below are all designed for 50-minute classes or two 25-minute classes.

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LET'S TRAVEL TO... NEW MEXICO



NEW MEXICO STATE FLAG

The New Mexico flag is solid yellow with a red sun shape in the middle. The sun image is a Zia Sun symbol. It pays homage to New Mexico's indigenous and Hispanic heritage.

The yellow and red colors are similar to the colors of Spain's flag. New Mexico was part of the Spanish Empire for over 250 years.

This flag design was adopted on March 15, 1925.

RECOMMENDED READS
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GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity



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LET'S TRAVEL TO... COLORADO



TRIVIA QUESTION

The Four Corners Monument is where Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and _____ meet.


- a. Utah
- b. Arkansas
- c. Nevada
- d. Vermont

(answer on next slide)

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity



INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LET'S TRAVEL TO... MICHIGAN



TRIVIA QUESTION

There are believed to be over 6000 _____ in the Great Lakes.

islands sharks shipwrecks old cars

RECOMMENDED READS
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity

