

LET'S TRAVEL TO...OREGON!

RECOMMENDED READS
"Oregon"

PICTURE BOOKS
10 Little Monsters Visit Oregon (Walton)
Apples to Oregon (Hopkinson)
The Lodge That Beaver Built (Sonsenstir Building) (Coke)
Hey Otter! Hey Beaver! (Pinkney)
Climbing the Volcano: A Journey in His
The Five Sides of Marjorie Rice: How
Three Bears of the Pacific Northwest

FICTION
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Wildwood (Meloy)
Riverwood (Kalyin Josephson)
Ramona Quinby, Age 8 (Quinby)
Rescue on the Oregon Trail (Mc
It's Raining Cupcakes! (Schroer)
A Game of Fox & Squirrels (Rt
Ways to Make Sunshine (Wal
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SCAVENGER HUNT
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Color Ore Name: _____ Teacher: _____

doughnut

sandcastle

How many total US states begin with letter?

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What lake in Oregon is the deepest in the USA?

How is the Willamette River different from most other rivers in the US?

Marionberries are a type of _____

What famous tall tale character has a large statue in Portland?

Color Oregon on this map of the USA.

A town that has been abandoned is called a _____

What is Oregon's state nickname?

OREGON POSTAL ABBREVIATION

Every state in the USA has a special two-letter code called a **postal abbreviation**.

The postal abbreviation for Oregon is **OR**.

When you mail a letter to someone in Oregon, you should use OR as part of the address.

If you forget the postal code, it's okay. You can also write out the full name "Oregon" instead.



Oregon car license plates



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**GRADES
2-5**

DESIGNED FOR THE SPECIALS ROTATION

SIGN LANGUAGE

Some US states use the state's postal abbreviation as their sign language sign.
Oregon is not one of those states. To sign "Oregon," make an O shape with your hand.
Then, move your hand in one small circle in front of your chest.



OREGON ON A MAP

Oregon is the ninth-largest US state.

There are 50 US states.
If Oregon is the ninth
largest US state, how
many states are
SMALLER than Oregon?



This Oregon 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.

STATE BIRD

The state bird of Oregon is the **western meadowlark**.

This brightly-colored bird is famous for its beautiful and cheerful songs.

The western meadowlark is also the state bird of Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming.



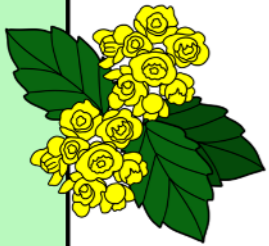
MORE OREGON ANIMALS

		
<p><u>North American porcupine</u> – Porcupines are the third-largest rodent species in the world, after beavers and capybaras.</p>	<p><u>California king snake</u> – This snake is non-venomous. It mimics the coral snake, which is highly-venomous to humans.</p>	<p><u>American pika</u> – This small mammal is a relative of the rabbit. It is pronounced "PY-kah."</p>

GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

CHECKING OUT BOOKS TODAY!

Write in checkout reminders or procedures here.



Oregon grape

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 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 introduction to Oregon.

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

OREGON STATE FLAG

Oregon's state flag has two sides!
It is the only US state with a two-sided flag.

The front side has 33 stars around the state seal. The stars represent Oregon's admission as the 33rd US state in 1859. The covered wagons are for the pioneers who moved west. The bald eagle at the top. Ba

The reverse side of the fla



OREGON BEAVERS

- The American beaver is the Oregon state animal. This is because the beaver fur trade helped Oregon grow.
- Oregon's state nickname is The Beaver State.
- Beavers live in Oregon rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes. They build dams and lodges using sticks, mud, and stones.
- Before it became a state, Oregon was part of the Oregon Territory, which also included parts of what are now Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming.

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

TRIVIA QUESTION

This is a famous statue in Portland, Oregon.
It is an American tall tale character. Who is this statue of?

- A. Pecos Bill
- B. Davy Crockett
- C. Paul Bunyan



WORD OF THE WEEK

sea stack

Sea stacks on the Oregon coast



(noun) tall, steep column of rock that stands isolated in the ocean near a coast

Sea stacks form when ocean waves erode cliffs over time.

They occur in Oregon and in many other places around the world.

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

The scrolling slides include fun facts about Oregon, 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?

There is a lot of variety in the slide content! Move the slides around within the presentation to differentiate lessons for different classes or 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.

MORE ABOUT COUGARS



- Cougars are big cats.
- They are fierce predators.
- They live in many US states, especially in the western half of the USA and in Florida.

FOODS TO TRY IN OREGON

Try some marionberries!



marionberry

Marionberries are a type of blackberry. They grow in Oregon's Willamette River Valley.

Eat marionberries fresh, or try some marionberry jam on toast. You can also enjoy marionberries in pies, yogurt, or smoothies.

There are even marionberry ice cream flavors!

EASY-TO-READ FONTS

WOULD YOU RATHER...?



Climb to the top of Mount Hood,
the highest point in Oregon

OR



Swim in Crater Lake,
the deepest lake in the USA

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

Nearly all body text and captions are black.

Some captions, like this one, are white on a dark background.

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Header text is in color for emphasis.

Important words appear with boldface type and are underlined.

Slide backgrounds that include text are white.

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

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Record

OREGON BORDERS

Water Borders:

- Pacific Ocean

Country Borders:

- none

Borders & US states:

- Washington
- Idaho
- Nevada
- California

Pacific Ocean

Oregon is PURPLE 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

IS THERE ANY AI?

IMAGES

There are no AI images in any part of this resource.

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TEXT: All text is original (not AI-generated), carefully researched, and written by a certified Texas teacher-librarian with an MLS degree. You can trust that the information is accurate, reliable, and thoroughly reviewed.

THIS OR THAT?



OR

Chocolate pie with hazelnut crust
(Oregon produces 99% of hazelnuts in the USA)

salmon burger
(salmon is a staple food in Oregon)

ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

Images
are not
editable



DID YOU KNOW...?

Oregon is home to one of the shortest rivers in the world!

The D River is in Lincoln City, Oregon.
It is only 440 feet (130m) long.

At one time, the D River was the shortest river in the world.
In 1989, a river in Montana was named the shortest river.

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DIFFERENTIATED SCAVENGER HUNTS

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SCAVENGER HUNT

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EASIER

Color Oregon

Oregon grapes

doughnut

eagle

cougar

beaver




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HARDER







Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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How many total US states begin with letter? 3 - Ohio, Oregon	Crater Lake	True or false? Cougars can only be found in Oregon. False - they are found
Map	ANSWER KEY	
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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.

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Generation Misfits (Bowman)
The Language of Seabirds (Taylor)
The Stars Did Wander Darkling (Meloy)
The Very Unfortunate Wish of Melony Yoshimura (Brown)
The Elephant in the Room (Sloan)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Roller Girl (Jamieson)
Wildfire (Bard)

NONFICTION

Science on the Oregon Trail (Enz)
Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story (Nobleman)

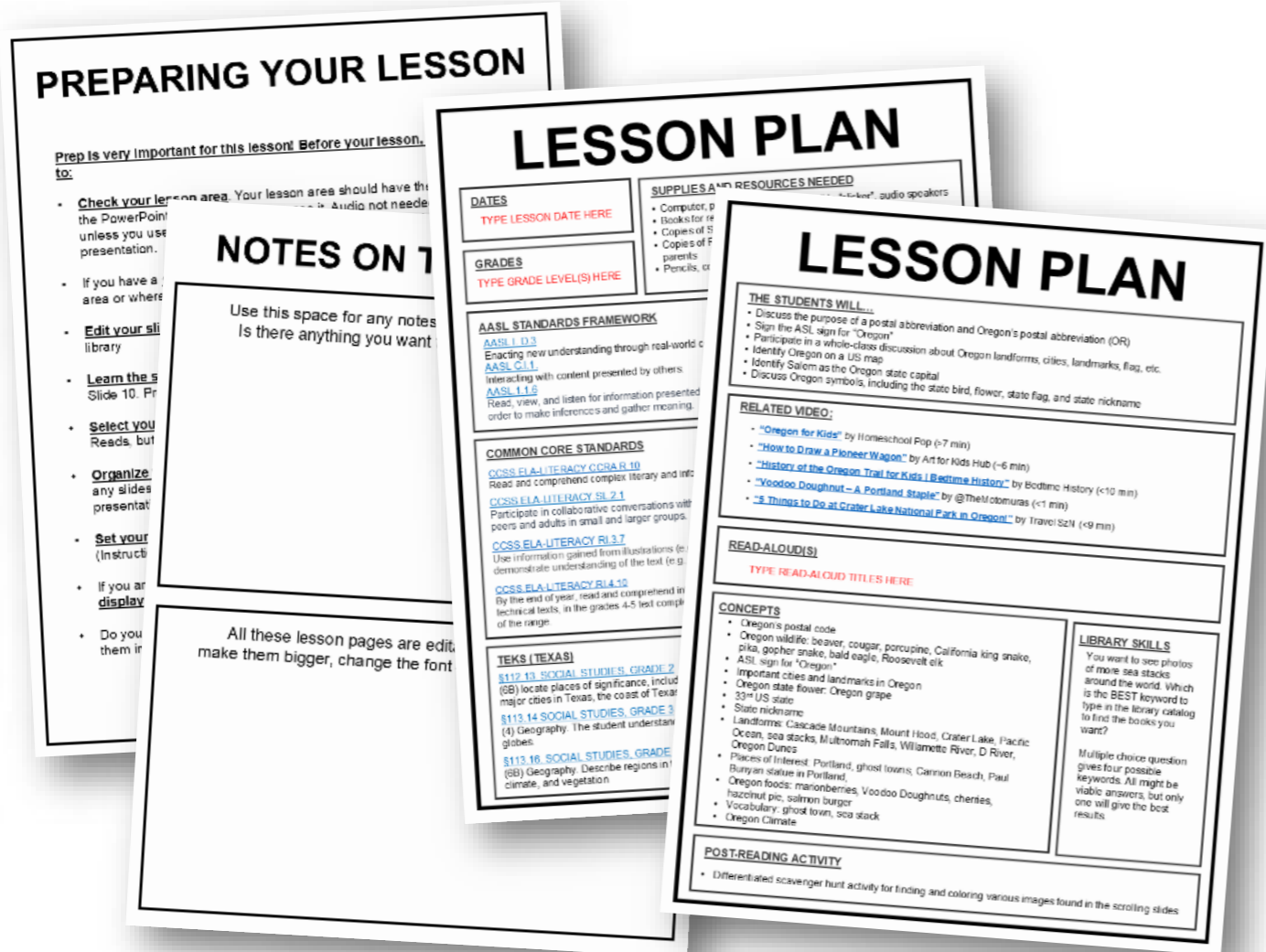


Includes a printable list of books set in Oregon. The list includes picture books, fiction books, two informational books, and two graphic novels.

This list is great for collection development or for student, teacher, or parent reference.

All text is editable, so you can customize the list for your library.

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN



Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 2-5.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

MORE US STATE LIBRARY LESSONS

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

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LET'S TRAVEL TO... TENNESSEE




TENNESSEE STATE FLAG

The Tennessee flag was adopted on April 17, 1905. It has three main elements:

- **Red background** – represents the bravery and courage of the people of Tennessee
- **3 Stars** – represent West, Middle, and East Tennessee regions; the circle represents unity
- **Blue vertical stripe** – represents Tennessee's loyalty to the United States.


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LET'S TRAVEL TO... PENNSYLVANIA




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

Library Lesson + Activity



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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.

GRADES 2-5

Library Lesson + Activity

