



LET'S TRAVEL TO... SOUTH DAKOTA!

US STATE STUDY SERIES

EDITABLE IN POWERPOINT AND GOOGLE SLIDES

GRADES 2-5

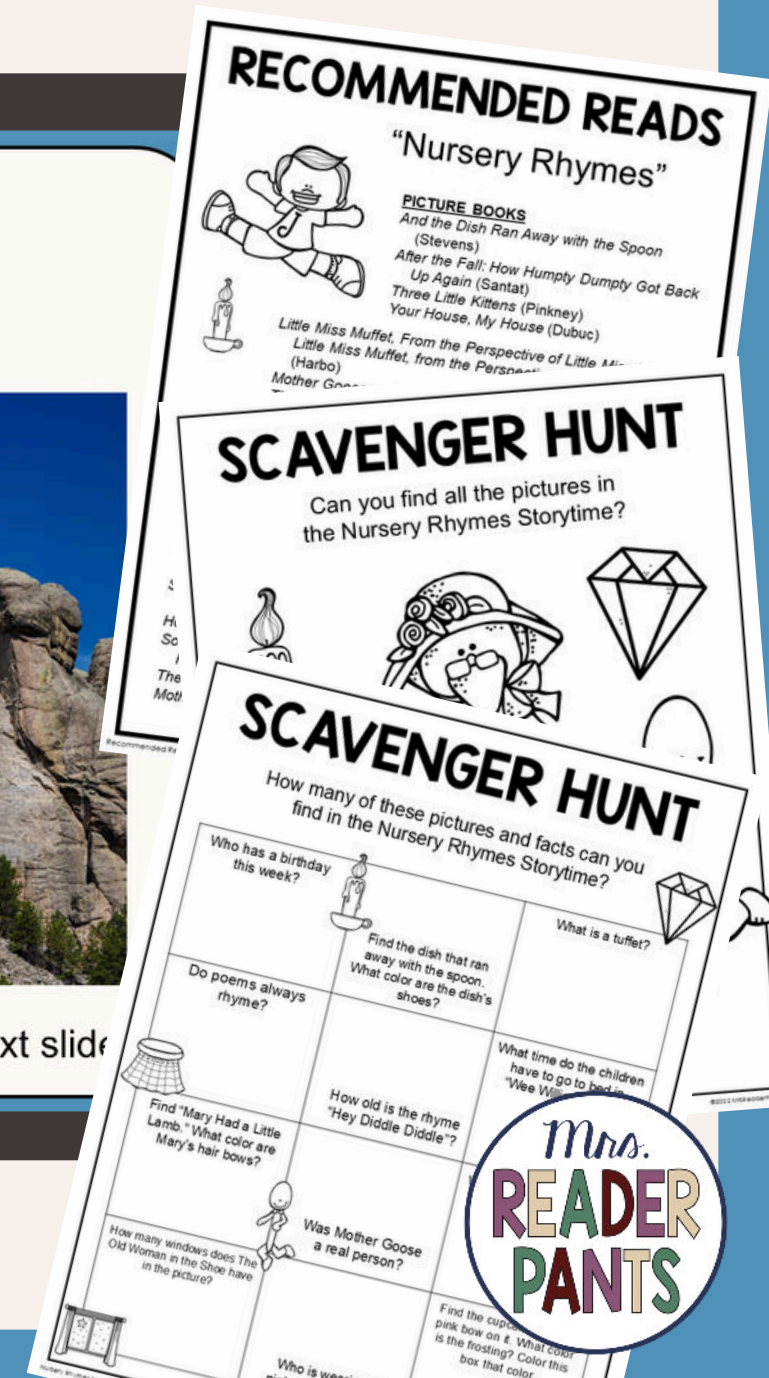
FACT OR FICTION?

Fact or fiction?

Visitors are allowed
to climb Mount Rushmore.



(answer on next slide)



Mrs.
READER
PANTS

THIS SOUTH DAKOTA LESSON & ACTIVITY INCLUDES:



Lesson presentation & scrolling slideshow



Two scavenger hunt activities



Recommended Reads - South Dakota settings, authors, and illustrators



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WORD OF THE WEEK

boxwork

(noun) a honeycomb-like structure that can form in sedimentary rock



SOUTH DAKOTA CLIMATE

- Continental climate
- Warm to hot summers with thunderstorms
- Long, cold winters – High temperatures are often below freezing
- Plains (eastern and central South Dakota) often experience strong winds, blowing snow, and blizzards in winter.

FUN FACT

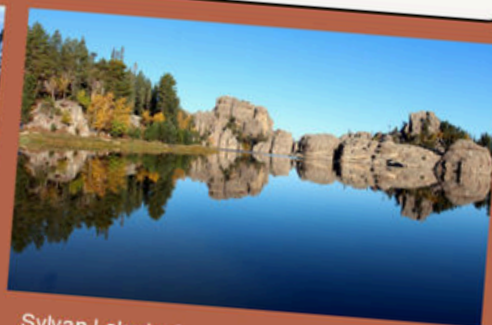
Lead, South Dakota, is one of the snowiest places in the U.S., averaging about 184 inches of snow each year.



Tea City Park (Tea, SD)



Black Hills



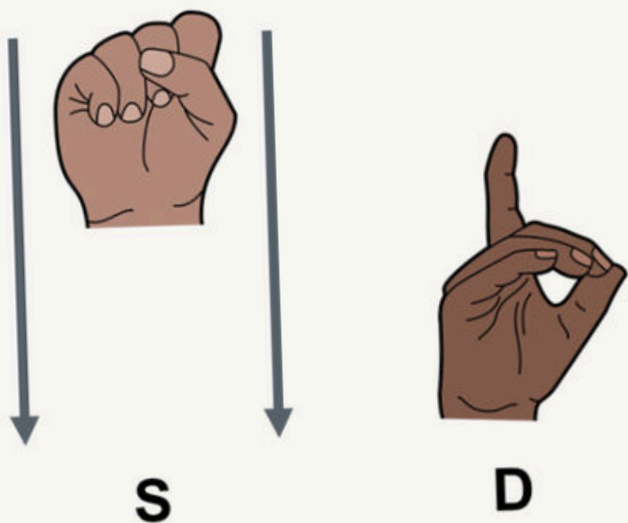
Sylvan Lake in Custer State Park (Black Hills)

WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Part I of the presentation introduces students to South Dakota's flag, state bird, state flower, and more.

SIGN LANGUAGE

Some US states use the state's postal abbreviation as their sign language sign. You may sometimes see people sign South Dakota as "SD," but this is easily confused with San Diego, a city in California.



To sign South Dakota:

- Make the letter S with one hand.
- Move the S straight down.
- Then sign the letter D.

[This is the American Sign Language sign for "South Dakota."](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA POSTAL ABBREVIATION

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

The postal abbreviation for South Dakota is SD.

When you mail a letter to someone in South Dakota, you should use SD as part of the address.

If you forget the postal abbreviation, it's okay.
You can write out the full name "South Dakota" instead.



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SCROLLING SLIDESHOW

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

THE SCROLLING SLIDES INCLUDE:

- fun facts about landforms, landmarks, climate, foods, and more!
- trivia questions and answers
- would-you-rather and this-or-that questions
- vocabulary words related to South Dakota
- famous people who lived in South Dakota

FOODS TO TRY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

When you want a sweet treat, try a slice of **kuchen**!
Kuchen is the German word for "cake," and there are many varieties.



The kuchen commonly made in South Dakota has a sweet dough crust filled with custard and often fruit. It looks more like a pie or tart than a typical cake.

In 2000, kuchen was named South Dakota's official state dessert. It reflects the traditions of German-Russian immigrants who settled in South Dakota during the late 1800s.

WE ONCE LIVED IN SOUTH DAKOTA!



Martha Jane Canary
"Calamity Jane"
(sharpshooter and storyteller)



Sitting Bull
(Hunkpapa Lakota leader who fought to preserve the Lakota way of life)



Laura Ingalls Wilder
(author of *The Little House on the Prairie* series)

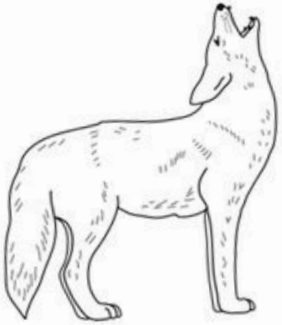
PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Includes two scavenger hunt activities,
answer key, and Recommended Reads.

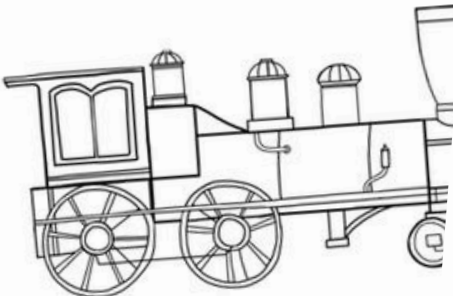
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SCAVENGER HUNT

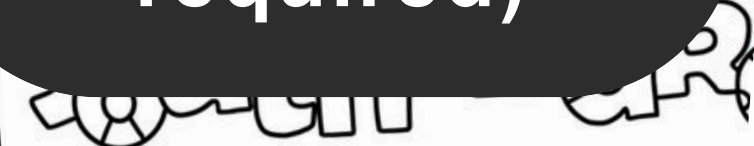
Can you find all the images in the presentation?



coyote



steam train



The word South Dakota

EASIER
(Reading not required)

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

Name one president on Mount Rushmore.		What are bald eagle and sheep call?
What prehistoric animal's bones are near Hot Springs, South Dakota?	The Corn Palace is decorated with _____ and _____.	You want to climb Mount Rushmore to see a video. Is this legal?
		This South Dakota cave is one of the _____.

HARDER
(Must be able to read text)

Name: **ANSWER KEY** Teacher: _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

Name one president on Mount Rushmore. Thomas Jefferson Abraham Lincoln George Washington Franklin Delano Roosevelt	South Carolina What other US state has "South" in its name?	What are bald eagle and sheep call? lan
Name two burrowing animals: prairie dog rabbits	Color South Dakota on this map of the USA. 	
What prehistoric animal's bones are near Hot Springs, South Dakota? mammoth	plants and seeds	This is a _____.

ANSWER KEY

RECOMMENDED READS

"South Dakota Settings, Themes, Authors, and Illustrators"

PICTURE BOOKS

- The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood* (Sneve)
- Moonstick: The Seasons of the Sioux* (Bunting)
- Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way* (Nelson)
- The Girl Who Lived in the Woods* (Nelson)
- The Boy Who Swam with the Fish* (Nelson)
- The Girl Who Swam with the Fish* (Nelson)
- The Girl Who Swam with the Fish* (Nelson)

NONFICTION

- Black Elk's Vision* (Nelson)
- Where Is Mount Rushmore?* (Kelley)
- The Voice of Liberty* (Carpenter)
- Welcome Home, Buffalo* (Markle)
- Rushmore* (Curlee – out of print)



RECOMMENDED READS

NEED TO TURN IN A LESSON PLAN?

Editable lesson plan includes:
CCSS, TEKS, and AASL standards

PREPARING YOUR LESSON

Prep is very important for this lesson! Before your lesson, you will need to:

- **Check your lesson area.** Your lesson area should have the ability to play the PowerPoint where students can see it. Audio not needed for this lesson unless you use the recommended YouTube Videos on Slide 6 of the presentation.
- If you have a **slide remote "clicker"** (reco area or where you can access it easily).
- **Edit your slides.** You will need to edit **Slide** library.
- If you want to learn the ASL sign before class the sign are included in the slideshow.
- **Select your read-aloud(s), optional.** I have Recommended Reads, but you can choose
- **Organize your slides.** Do you want to use it any slides up into the discussion or down into presentation?
- **Set your timings** if you plan to automatically (Instructions included)
- If you are using this theme for all your class **display** of readalikes in the library.
- Do you want to use any **props or puppets?** I them in your storytime area.

NOTES ON THIS LESSON:

Use this space for any notes you might want for next year.
Is there anything you want to add or change next year

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Discuss the purpose of a postal abbreviation and South Dakota's postal abbreviation.
- Sign the ASL sign for "South Dakota"
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about South Dakota landforms, sites, cities, land.
- Identify South Dakota on a US map
- Identify Pierre as South Dakota's state capital
- Discuss South Dakota symbols, including the state bird, flower, state flag, and state nickname.

RELATED VIDEOS:

- ["Top 5 Places to Visit in South Dakota's Black Hills"](#) by Kevin Eassa (~8 min)
- ["What is the legend behind those blue tiles in the South Dakota Capitol floor?"](#) by SDPL
- ["Mount Rushmore Facts | Classroom Video for Kids"](#) by Homeschool Pop (<5 min)
- ["Sounding the Prairie Dog Alert System | America's Wild Frontier"](#) by NatGeo Animals (<3 min)
- ["Guide to The World's Only Corn Palace | Mitchell, South Dakota | Corn Kid Ambassador"](#) (<4 min)

READ-ALOUD(S)

TYPE READ-ALOUD TITLES HERE

CONCEPTS

- South Dakota postal abbreviation
- South Dakota wildlife: burrowing owl, cotton-tail rabbit, prairie dog, pheasant, prairie chicken, sharp-shinned hawk, western bluebird
- ASL

LESSON PLAN

DATES

TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

GRADES

TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide "clicker", audio speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Scavenger Hunt (one per student)
- Copies of Recommended Reads for students, teachers, and parents
- Pencils, colored pencils, and/or markers

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

[AASL 1.D.3](#)

Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

[AASL C.1.1](#)

Interacting with content presented by others.

[AASL 1.1.6](#)

Read, view, and listen for information presented in any format (e.g., textual, visual, media, digital) 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 independently and proficiently.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.1](#)

Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7](#)

Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.10](#)

By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the band.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THIS LESSON READY TO USE TODAY?

YES! It's ready to go!

You may want to customize a few slides for your library. Or you can delete them.

All text is editable.

WHAT EXACTLY IS EDITABLE?

Editable:

All text, headings, and captions in the presentation and printable pages

NOT Editable:

images

HOW LONG DOES THIS LESSON TAKE TO TEACH?

This lesson is designed to be flexible. **Part I (lesson)** takes about 20 minutes.

Part II is a slideshow that scrolls automatically on a screen. Slideshow duration depends on the slide timings you set. Pair with one of the two scavenger hunts.

SOUTH DAKOTA IS PART OF A BUNDLE!

“We started with our home state.

There were references to our county!

The students liked the this or
that choices included.

The variety of information provided in
the slides kept the students engaged.

This lesson was used as a library lesson.”

~F H., used with Grades 3-4
(Review of the US States Bundle)

