

iCONN Learning Activity Mexico

Level: Elementary School

Task: Explore Mexican culture. Prepare an exhibit for Cultural Awareness Day with a focus on cultural similarities between our town and a Mexican town.

Research Question: Do people in (urban, suburban, rural) Mexico live like people in our town?

Content Area(s): Social Studies, Language Arts and Learning Resources and Information Technology

Content Standards:

Social Studies:

1. Historical Thinking
Engage in reading challenging primary and secondary historical source materials, some of which is contradictory and requires questioning of validity.
8. International Relations
Describe ways in which communities and nations influence each other.
9. Places and Regions
Provide reasons why and describe how places and regions change and are connected.
11. Human Systems
Understand the elements of culture and how they change.
15. Economic Interdependence
Describe how the exchange of goods and services around the world creates interdependence among people in different places.

Language Arts:

4. Exploring and Responding to Texts
Students will respond to literary works to determine various aspects that connect to their own lives.

Learning Resources and Information Technology

4. Information Processing
Demonstrate attentive and purposeful listening and viewing skills.
5. Application
Demonstrate the ability to take notes with assistance.
6. Evaluation
Apply process and content standard for searching, with assistance.
Create, with assistance, products that meet conventional standards.

iCONN Database: *Discovering Collection* and *Kids InfoBits*

Search Strategy

1. Click on *Discovering Collection*
2. Click on *Multimedia Gallery*
3. Type **Mexico NOT new** in the search box and click on Search
4. Click on highlighted media to view results. Results are captioned.
5. View results and generate questions for further study.

Search Strategy

1. Click on *Discovering Collection*
2. Click on *Search by Classroom Topic*
3. Click on *Cultures* and use pull down menu to select *World Cultures*
4. Narrow your search by typing **Mexico NOT new** in the search box and then click on *Search*
5. Click on highlighted article title in the citation list
6. Read article or click on highlighted topic from table of contents, such as *Food*, to read only about a specific topic

Search Strategy for additional information

1. Click on *Kids InfoBits*
2. Type **Mexico** in the search box and click on Search.

3. Select one of the subject groups listed (Mexico, Mexico City, etc.) and click on *View*.
4. Click on any one of the labeled tabs (Reference, Magazines, etc.) to get a list of documents in that category.
5. Click on highlighted document title in the citation list to read an article.

Adaptations for Differentiated Learning: Focus on a specific geographic location, element of culture or historical event.

iCONN Database: *Discovering Collection* (same searches as above)

iCONN Database: *InfoTrac Junior Edition*

Search Strategy

1. Click on *InfoTrac Junior Edition*
2. Click on *Keyword Search*
3. Type ***Mexican and food and recipe*** in the search box
4. Click on *Find* to see a list of articles

Click on *Check Out* to read an article