

Trivia Books: Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration
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Grades 5-8

Introduction

In this lesson , students will read one of the following three in *The Medical Repository*, available at <http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/u/?lapur,17062>: “Expedition to explore that part of Louisiana which lies near the Ouachita River,” “Route from Washington to Orleans,” and “A description of the hot springs and volcanic appearances in the country adjoining the River Ouachita, in Louisiana...” They will generate questions from the text they want answered during the unit. Students will be responsible for constructing a class trivia book or a collection of trivia books containing their treasure hunt questions and answers to be placed in the class library.

Content Areas and Grade Levels

This lesson blends language arts and social studies. It is appropriate for grades 5-8, and should be adjusted for various themes and ability levels.

Curriculum Standards

H-1A-M6 conducting research in efforts to answer historical questions

H-1A-H5 conducting research in efforts to analyze historical questions and issues

Implementation Overview

This lesson is to be used within a unit of study on the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Celebration. This lesson can take 1-5 class periods of 45 minutes each or may be on-going throughout this unit of study.

Resources Needed

- Links: <http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/u/?lapur,17062> in the LSU Digital Library
- www.askjeeves.com
- www.yahoo.com
- www.morningadvocate.com
- Maps of the Southeastern U.S. 1803 and present day

Entry Level Skills and Knowledge

For this lesson, students will need to know basic geography skills. They must be able to read a nonfiction selection and construct questions and answers..

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated upon completion of their 3-5 questions which will be part of a class trivia book or collection of books. Each class' end result will be

different. A teacher made rubric should be used to grade group participation and class book or collection project.

Possible Variations

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 may want to make their own personal book or 1 book per group. Class or group books could be made of other topics related to the Louisiana Purchase and/or the students could begin a collection of books to be kept in the classroom library. Use trivia books to make trivia games which can be played by students.

Procedure

- Have students read one of the following three in *The Medical Repository*, available at <http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/u/?lapur,17062>: “Expedition to explore that part of Louisiana which lies near the Ouachita River,” “Route from Washington to Orleans,” and “A description of the hot springs and volcanic appearances in the country adjoining the River Ouachita, in Louisiana...”
- Have them write three questions they find interesting enough to research the answer using links found in the Resources Needed Section of this lesson plan. Students should be prepared to construct each question and answer on a 8 1/2” x 11” sheet of paper. When all students have completed this phase, then put individual questions and answers into book form. Encourage students to be creative, drawing or placing photos in the book(s). Have students add web sites they used to answer some of their questions on a class web board to assist those who are having difficulty finding answers to their questions.
- Have each group/ individual student to create a front and back cover. Students or groups should be encouraged to bind their books in unique ways.
- Display bound books. Vote to determine which cover is the class favorite. Construct a bar graph using this information.