

13 Colonies Presentation and Database Lesson Plan

Student Worksheet	13 Colonies Matrix	PowerPoint Storyboard
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Grade Level: 8th Grade

Materials: 13 Colonies Matrix, Student Worksheet

Technology Skills: Database

Lesson Objectives: Students, in groups, will create an 8 slide presentation about the 13 colonies. Each student will then create a database of the political, economic, and religious reasons for the founding of the 13 colonies.

Social Studies TEKS: 8.2

Time: 2 days in classroom/ 3 – 4 days in computer lab

Activity:

1. Prior to going to the computer lab, share information on the founding of the 13 English colonies through lecture, discussion, etc.
2. Students should create a rough draft of each slide for the presentation using a storyboard, prior to time in the computer lab.
3. Once in the lab, groups of students will create an 8 slide presentation about the 13 colonies. The presentation will contain slides with the following information:
 - Title of presentation
 - Name of colony and reason behind choice of name
 - Land usage
 - Leading citizens
 - Why the colony was founded and the year the colony was founded
 - Type of government
 - Additional important information
 - Credits and acknowledgements
4. Groups will present their information.
5. All students will record data from the student-generated presentations and complete the Colonial Matrix.
6. After the presentations have been viewed, each student will create a database containing information on the 13 colonies. The database will contain the following fields:
 - Name of Colony
 - Why it was named
 - Land Usage
 - Leading citizens
 - Why the colony was founded
 - Year the colony was founded