

Hands Across the Border

An Internet Information-Gathering Activity

Teacher Notes

Grade: 6 to 9

Subject: Technology

Group Size: Groups of two or three

Duration: One to two 50-minute periods, depending on computer availability

Skills: Research, group interaction, group responsibility, computer technology including conducting research on the Internet and visiting web sites for this lesson.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this lesson, students should be able to:

- Locate an Internet site when an address is given
- Search for Internet sites based on key words
- Find answers to their questions on Internet sites

MATERIALS:

- Web Site Search Sheet
- Enough computers with Internet access for students to work in groups of two or three

BACKGROUND:

During this lesson, students will visit the web site of the government of Canada's Northwest Territories. Here they will find a wealth of information on wolves and other wildlife in Canada. Students should look first at a map of Canada to locate the Northwest Territories. The boundaries have changed with the establishment of the territory of Nunavut.

PROCEDURES:

- Before going to the computer lab, give students a copy of the Web Site Search Sheet. Ask them to write on a sheet of notebook paper some questions they have before they begin. For example: Where is Canada's Northwest Territories? What is the climate like? Are there trees and mountains? What kind of wolves live there and how many? What do they eat? What problems, if any, do wolves cause? Are they protected? Can they be hunted and trapped?
- In the computer lab, have your students visit the Northwest Territories Government Wildlife Web Site. The URL is: www.nwtwildlife.rned.gov.nt.ca.
- The Northwest Territories Government Wildlife Web Site offers a menu on its home page. Students can begin by clicking on "Wildlife Species" and then selecting "Wolves." They might want to investigate other species as well, especially "Caribou." The link on this site provides information on other areas in Canada.

Web Site Search Sheet

- PURPOSE OF SEARCH:**
- Just surfing and skimming
 - Looking for specific information
 - Research project
 - Issues and opinions
 - Pictures, art and stories
 - Products, books and films

NAME OF WEB SITE _____ **ADDRESS** _____

- FOCUS SEEMS TO BE:**
- Education and information
 - Opinion exchange
 - Advocacy and ways to get involved
 - Issues and answers
 - All of the above

SOME QUESTIONS I HAVE AND INFORMATION I NEED:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

SOME CONTENTS ON THE SITES THAT INTEREST ME:

- _____
- _____
- _____
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