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Lesson Topic: Basic geography

Grade Level: First grade (can be adapted for other primary grades)

Time Frame: 3 days

Subject Matter: Geography, geology

Curriculum Standards:

1. To reinforce the basic geography concept of states and their relation to the United States of America.
2. To teach students different types of land formations and types of bodies of water.

Description:

Students are introduced to basic land and water formations through discussion, looking at pictures from the LOC website in a power point presentation, and drawing.

Technology Used:

Library of Congress website, power point, word document.

Detailed Activities:

Day one: Teacher introduces basic land formations through discussion. Together, the class completes a chart brainstorming all the types of land and water they can think of (lakes, rivers, mountains, etc.). Students are given squares of paper to draw the various formations they know.

Day two: Teacher shows power point to students, discussing forests, lakes, deserts, grasslands, and rocks as the slides are shown. If a map of the United States is available, teacher points out states as they arise.

Day three: Students are given Land and Water Formation worksheet to complete.