

Frontier Grant Lesson Plan

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Grade Level: 4th Grade/Social Studies

Topic: National Archives Treasure Hunt

Duration of Lesson: 1 – 3 class periods

Essential Question: How does the study of photographs and artifacts enhance the understanding of an historical event?

State Standards: Standard 1: Goal 1.7 Trace how natural resources and technological advances have shaped human civilization.

Instructional Materials: Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet (download from National Archives website www.archives.gov - specifically: http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/worksheets/motion_picture_analysis_worksheet.pdf), Treasure Hunt (worksheet), website www.archives.gov/exhibits/eyewitness (America on the Move, Crew of Apollo 8)

Sequence of Activities: Review the treasure hunt questions and the Motion Picture Analysis worksheet with the students. Show them the website and how to navigate to the pages they need to find and use for this activity. Working in pairs, the students will go to the National Archives website (listed above) and answer the questions on the treasure hunt. Then they will view the 1 ½ minute film and complete the Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet, step 1 and 2, and step 3 questions a – c and question g on the back..

Assessment Method: The students will read the question they wrote for part G on the Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet. They will also explain what they wrote on question 5 of the Treasure Hunt.

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Treasure Hunt Q1. The students were able to relate that the mission was conducted to prepare for a later mission to land on the moon.	The question was answered thoroughly with a capital letter and the correct punctuation mark.	The question was answered briefly, or without a complete sentence.	The question was answered with a complete sentence but was not completely accurate.	Incomplete answer.
Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet	The worksheet was answered thoroughly.	The worksheet was briefly answered.	Most of the questions on the worksheet were answered but not very thoroughly.	Incomplete work.

Treasure Hunt Worksheet:

National Archives Eyewitness: America on the Move, Crew of Apollo 8 - A View from Lunar Orbit

Treasure Hunt: With your partner go to the following website:

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/eyewitness> Click on the button that says *enter the enhanced flash exhibit*. Click on the contents button and then on the Crew of Apollo 8 – 1968 in the bottom right corner. Read the passage and answer questions 1 and 2.

1. Why was the Apollo 8 mission so important? _____

2. What event was planned for the crew to perform on Christmas Eve? _____

Go to the next page of the exhibit and read what Frank Borman had to say about the Moon.

3. How did Frank Borman describe what he was seeing?

Go on to the next page in the exhibit and play the 1 ½ minute film. Fill out the Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet.

4. View the pictures in the exhibit. Describe the Earth in the first picture.

5. Would you like to travel to the Moon and see the Earth as it was pictured from Apollo 8? Tell why you would or would not like to do this.