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Core Curriculum Connection Activities

GRADE 4 • CLUSTER 8

Grade 4, Cluster 8. Four activities, one per module, showing how the Teach BIG research capstone plugs straight into the Bluebonnet core the state already gives your district. Run it either way, from their content or from ours.

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CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

Geology

Bluebonnet Grade 4 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 8 • Module 1 • Place, Where Does Change Begin?

Teach BIG™ Grade 4 • Research Capstone

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied geology in Bluebonnet. They can explain how rocks form and how the earth changes over time, and they have many science facts ready to use.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Cluster 8 is the research capstone. Module 1 explains how the place where people live shapes how a society develops, proven with evidence.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students explain how land or resources shaped a group they studied in Bluebonnet.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 8 source, What Shapes a Society, to prove a point about place from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Give students one fact about a place. Ask them to explain how it shaped the people there. In five minutes they will connect place to change.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

American Revolution

Bluebonnet Grade 4 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 8 • Module 2 • Ideas and Choices

Teach BIG™ Grade 4 • Research Capstone

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied the American Revolution in Bluebonnet. They know why the colonists sought independence and how a new nation began.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 2 adds ideas. Students explain how ideas and choices can change a society as powerfully as place.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students explain one idea or choice that changed the course of the American Revolution.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 8 sources to prove how an idea changed a society from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Ask students to name one idea and one change it caused, with a detail. In five minutes they will weigh ideas against place.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

The Middle Ages

Bluebonnet Grade 4 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 8 • Module 3 • Legacy and Evidence

Teach BIG™ Grade 4 • Research Capstone

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied the Middle Ages in Bluebonnet. They can describe knights, castles, and kings, and how power and daily life worked in medieval times.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 3 studies sources. Students explain how historians use evidence to learn about the past, and why one source is not enough.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students name two kinds of evidence a historian could use to study the Middle Ages.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 8 source, The Evidence Room, to weigh sources from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Give students two sources on one topic. Ask which is stronger and why one alone is not enough. In five minutes they will think like a researcher.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

Innovation and Industry in Energy

Bluebonnet Grade 4 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 8 • Module 4 • Synthesis, What Shapes Our World?

Teach BIG™ Grade 4 • Research Capstone

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied energy and industry in Bluebonnet. They can explain where energy comes from and how it powers the world around them.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 4 brings it together. Students combine more than one force, place, resources, and ideas, to explain what shapes a society.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students combine two forces to explain a change they studied in Bluebonnet.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 8 source, The Change Atlas, to synthesize the full answer from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Ask students to name two forces that shaped a society and one sentence that ties them together. In five minutes they will synthesize.