4th Grade, Unit 3

Creative, Inventive, and Notable People

Lewis and Clark

This activity is intended to provide an opportunity to engage students in the following standards:

* RI.4.2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text
* RI.4.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.
* L.4.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies
* Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

The format for this lesson is aligned to the format for a portion of the “Research Simulation” on the PARCC Assessment. Students are asked to watch a video clip and answer questions about what they see and hear. On the PARCC test, students will then use information from the video and a passage (or passages) to write an essay about the major focus for all pieces combined

Teachers could use this activity as a whole-class teaching opportunity or as a formative assessment. Consider using this lesson in conjunction with *Lewis and Clark and Me* by Laurie Myers.



Checking for Understanding

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