

Expanding Student Learning Through Maps and Atlases in the Classroom

Hands on learning and the utilization of physical books and maps rather than digital is beneficial to student learning. Fifth grade Social Studies, Science, and ELA are packed with concepts including Westward Expansion, Immigration, involvement in world conflicts, National Parks, and landforms across the globe. Being able to visually demonstrate the vastness of the United States during times of expansion through the use of wall maps, and the distance of the United States to other countries during world affairs, helps students gain a better understanding of where places are in the world and how they were and are related to one another. Many of our projects are focused on research and these atlases and maps allow students to practice their research skills and disconnect from their devices.

I am greatly appreciative of this grant and the opportunity to share these materials with the rest of my grade level to enhance the learning of all fifth graders!

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