

Arizona: Nations and Art

Unit Overview

Introduction-These lessons are meant to be an extension of learning based on the book Arizona: Nations and Art by Annica Benning. Activities throughout this unit are subject to change or adjustments to reach the needs of diverse classrooms. All social studies standards are based on the Arizona State Standard requirements listed below.

Lesson format-The lessons attached are formatted to focus on the knowledge, understanding, and students' abilities to demonstrate comprehension. Prior knowledge of Arizona's background, landforms, and regions are suggested to support student understanding.

Arizona State Standards Concept Descriptors

Strand 1: American History

A study of American History is integral for students to analyze our national experience through time, to recognize the relationships of events and people, and to interpret significant patterns, themes, ideas, beliefs, and turning points in Arizona and American history. Students will be able to apply the lessons of American History to their lives as citizens of the United States.

Concept 2: Early Civilizations

The geographic, political, economic and cultural characteristics of early civilizations significantly influenced the development of later civilization.

Strand 4: Geography

The goal of the geography strand is to provide an understanding of the human and physical characteristics of the Earth's places and regions and how people of different cultural backgrounds interact with their environment. Geographic reasoning is a way of studying human and natural features within a spatial perspective. Through the study of geography, students will be able to understand local, national, regional, and global issues. Students will interpret the arrangement and interactions of human and physical systems on the surface of the Earth. As these patterns have changed over time and are important to governments and economies, geographic reasoning will enhance students' understanding of history, civics, and economics.

Concept 2: Places and Regions

Places and regions have distinct physical and cultural characteristics.