



10 Minute Learning Activity

Database: SIRS Discoverer

Topic/Subject Area: Different types of landforms

Grade Level: 3

Essential Question: What different types of landforms are there? How are they different?

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Academic Content Standards: K-12 Social Studies

Standard: Geography (Places and Regions) Standard

Benchmark: B. Identify the physical and human characteristics of places and regions in North America.

Grade Level Indicator: 6. Identify and describe the landforms and climate, vegetation, population and economic characteristics of the local community.

Search Steps:

1. Type the URL address www.infohio.org.
2. Select *Resources for Grades K-5*.
3. Click on the *SIRS Discoverer* icon.
4. If accessing from home, enter local username and password if prompted for authentication. Your teacher, librarian or technology coordinator will have this information.
5. Click on the *SIRS Discoverer* icon again.
6. Click on the search box and type *land and water*.
7. Click *Search*.
8. Look at the article *Land and Water* by *Junior Scholastic*, February 7, 2005. Read the vocabulary terms for the different landforms.

Additional Comments on Search Process:

1. This database contains full-text articles for young researchers.
2. The database includes a *Subject Tree* search.
3. Some useful reference features include current events, spotlight of the month, *World Almanac for Kids* and an encyclopedia.
4. Useful database features include pathfinders, activities, biographies, fiction, country facts, photo essays, pictures, maps of the world, educators' resources and dictionary/thesaurus.
5. Use the Boolean operators *AND*, *OR* and *NOT*, * for truncation, and "" for phrase searching to refine your search.