North America Lesson Plan

Objectives: By the end of this lesson the students will be able to describe where North America is on a map. The students will be able to explain the importance of these regions to the rest of the planet, ie major exports, culture, and biodiversity. The students will be able to describe the different types of ecosystems found there and where they are located in this region of the planet.

Grades: K-8 (With Adaptations for High School Students)

Materials:

1. North America Fact Sheets
2. Globe or Map
3. Animals from North American Unit

Introduction:

The educator will put a map or a globe out in front the group of students and ask them to point out where North America is located. Ask the children some questions about what thy know about this part of the planet.

Lesson:

After the introduction the educator will start to talk with the students about North America. First the educator will cover information like culture and heritage found throughout this region of the planet. They will then talk about the major exports from the continent to the rest of the world. Then the educator will talk about the geographic composition about this region. Describing the different types of Ecosystems found in different parts of the continent and how those regions affect the living organisms that are found there. Last the educator will then talk about what is happening the with North America today and how things are changing because of human impact on the continent. Last the educator will then bring out the animals from the North American unit and discuss the impact those animals have on specific ecosystems where they are found on the continent. They will then explain why these animals are found only in these specific regions.

Wrap Up:

The educator will ask the students to think about how being a person who lives on North America we look at things from this part of the world differently than people from the rest of the planet do.