
The Challenges – Teacher Resources

Postcards From Florida's Waterways

Materials

- 4- x 6-inch blank index cards (one per student)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Resource materials of Florida's waterways
- Large map of Florida (optional)
- Postcard (optional)
- Yarn (optional)

Directions

1. As a large group, brainstorm and make a chart of various waterways located in Florida. (Many of these should be referenced from *The Great Water Odyssey*SM application.)
2. Each student is to choose one Florida waterway for which they will become the expert. (It is strongly suggested that students sign up either individually or in pairs for the waterway on which they will become the expert. This will allow a larger variety of waterways to have experts.)
3. Explain to students that they are to create a postcard about their selected waterway. (You may want to show students some postcards as an example, if students are not familiar with them.) The postcards they create should be set up like a real postcard and must contain the following information:

Side 1

- Caption about picture on reverse side
- Short note telling about their visit to this waterway, including at least three facts the student has learned about the waterway
- Stamp (design should refer to waterway in some way)
- Complete address to receiver (be creative)

Side 2

- A drawing depicting a scene about the waterway
4. Using available resource materials, students will locate facts about their chosen waterway.
 5. When completed, share postcards with the class.
 6. Post the cards near a Florida map and use yarn to connect the waterway postcard to its location on the map. (optional)

*Instead of creating postcards, students can create fact cards about Florida's waterways.

