

Kindergarten Technology Course
Lessons K-P-11, K-A-11
Research and Report Writing

ELA Common Core Standards

RI.K.10; RF.K.4; W.K.2; W.K.5; W.K.6; W.K.7; W.K.8

2014 Social Studies Standard

SS History 4: Nations are represented by symbols and practices. Symbols and practices of the United States include the American flag, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Classroom Introduction

1. Explain to the students that they will be writing a short report about an American symbol. Explain that students write reports to share information with others. In order to write a report, they must first gather or collect the information. They will be listening, watching, reading, and exploring books, videos, and websites.
2. Explain that nations or countries are represented by symbols and practices. Differentiate between symbols and practices and give examples for the United States. Explain that United States citizens respect these symbols and practices.

Note: Symbols include the flag, Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner, Bald Eagle, Statue of Liberty, White House, Liberty Bell, Mount Rushmore, Uncle Sam, Lincoln Memorial, and Washington Monument.

3. Share a sample report. May need to do this again after students have learned about the symbols.
4. Expose the students to a variety of informational texts about symbols of the United States.
 - Brain Pop Jr. at <http://www.brainpopjr.com/> has a video with related activities in the Social Studies section under citizenship. (Username: **mayfieldjr** Password: **brainpop**)
 - Enchanted Learning at <http://www.enchantedlearning.com> has information, pictures, and activities.
 - Websites with virtual tours, information, and activities are available on a Symbaloo. The sites can be viewed as a whole group, individually in a lab setting, or as a homework assignment. If viewed individually, direct students to locate the American Symbols Symbaloo which has a link on the Student Technology Courses page on the Mayfield website. Additionally, an Internet Explorer shortcut is available in the Kindergarten folder in the Favorites drive.
 - Videos are available in the Kindergarten Files section of the Student Technology Courses.
5. Once the students have been exposed to a variety of informational texts, assign symbols or allow them to choose.

Note: *If students complete the Original Graphic Organizer or American Symbol (fill-in-the-blank) document at school, consider pairing them. They can collaborate on completing the forms but each will type their own report.*

Home

1. Research symbol using books and websites. (Note: Information about websites and videos can be emailed to parents.)
2. Complete either the Graphic Organizer or An American Symbol (fill-in-the-blank) document. They are in the Technology Course Resources section on the Mayfield website.
Note: The fill-in-the-blank document is intended for home use. It shows an example.

Computer/Mobile Lab

Note: Typing the report will take a minimum of 2 days.

Day 1

1. Instruct students to log in and open Word.
2. Instruct students to begin typing their reports using the Original Graphic Organizer/An American Symbol (fill-in-the-blank) document.
Optional: Instead of typing entire document, students can add the information to The American Symbol Template. The template is in the Kindergarten Files section of the Student Technology Courses on the Mayfield website.
3. When ten minutes remain, lead the students through saving their documents to their H: drives.
4. Instruct students to close Word and log off.

Day 2

1. Instruct students to log in.
2. Lead students through opening their saved documents from their H: drive.
3. Review text formatting with students.
4. Review inserting clipart.
5. Instruct the students to finish typing their reports before formatting.
6. Assist students with correcting spelling and punctuation errors. The reports do not have to be perfect!
7. Remind students to save.
8. Optional: Print documents.
9. Instruct students to close Word and log off.

Classroom Station(s)

Note: In the classroom, it would be best to use An American Symbol Template. Students will not be required to type quite as much. They will add their information as well as the periods at the ends of the sentences. The template is in the Kindergarten Files section of the Student Technology Courses on the Mayfield website.

Part 1

1. Demonstrate how to locate and open the template.
2. Demonstrate how to add the information to the template.
3. Demonstrate how to save to an H: drive.
4. Review how to close Word and log out.
5. Direct students to rotate through computer station(s) completing this activity. The student will need to log in using his/her own username and password.

Part 2

1. Demonstrate how to find the document on an H: drive.
2. Demonstrate how to format.
3. Demonstrate how to insert.
4. Demonstrate how to save.
5. Review how to close Word and log out.
6. Direct students to rotate through computer station(s) completing this activity. The student will need to log in using his/her own username and password.