

LET'S TRAVEL TO...MINNESOTA!

Grades 2-5

Image(s) on every slide

Editable text

Includes standards-aligned lesson plan

MINNESOTA STATE FLAG

Minnesota's current flag is new!
This design was adopted on May 11, 2024.

The 8-point star is the same star that is
on the floor of the Rotunda of the
Minnesota State Capitol building.

The dark blue color represents the land.
The lighter blue represents Minnesota's
many waters, lakes, Lake Superior,
and the Mississippi River.



RECOMMENDED READS

PICTURE BOOKS

One-Dog Canoe (Hoyt)
Little Loon Finds His Voice (Pearson)
Skating Wild on an Inland Sea (Pendziwol)
The Rabbit Listened (Doerrfeld)
Dear Treefrog (Sidman)

FICTION

Wolf Club (Bird)
Just Keep Walking (Downing)
Not Quite a Ghost (Ursu)
The Lost Galumpus (Helgers)
The Birchbark House (Erdritch)
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Monsters in the Mist (Brandt)
Monsters in the Mist (Brandt)

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images in the presentation?



US Map
(color Minnesota)



deer tick

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

What Minnesota bird
is the fastest animal
in the world?



Paul Bunyan is an
example of an American

What Minnesota mall
is one of the largest
indoor shopping malls
in the world?

Abundant snowfall that



What dangerous
disease do deer
ticks carry?



THIS EDITABLE RESOURCE INCLUDES:



Two-part slide presentation (editable in PPT and Google Slides)



Recommended Reads list (curated list of books with Minnesota themes)



2 differentiated scavenger hunt activities



Standards-aligned lesson plan

CAN I USE THIS RESOURCE RIGHT NOW?

You sure can!

All my resources are low-prep and designed to save you loads of research and creation time. This resource is ready-to-go as-is, with minimal changes.

See **Slide 4** of the presentation for specific slides that need additional, school-specific information.



Slide 4

If prep time is short, you can just delete the slides that need edits. They are Minnesota-themed transition slides, school birthday announcements, and daily agenda templates. They are not necessary to the Minnesota lesson.

NO-FUSS EDITING

Want to edit the heading, text, or captions? You can do that!

Editing is not required to use this resource, but you can edit all text in the slide presentation, printable materials, and lesson plan using PowerPoint and/or Google Slides.

To protect creator copyright, images are locked into the backgrounds and not editable.

WORD OF THE WEEK

lake-effect snow

If you like watching TV weather forecasts, you may have heard the term "lake-effect snow."

lake-effect snow is abundant snowfall that occurs over lakes and seas.



Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox

PAUL BUNYAN

Paul Bunyan is an American and Canadian tall tale hero.

Tall tales are exaggerated stories. They are about larger-than-life characters who do amazing things.

Tall tales are fiction stories, even though some tall tales are based on real people.

Paul Bunyan is a giant lumberjack. A lumberjack's job is to cut down trees. He has a giant blue ox named Babe.



KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED DURING CHECKOUT

Give students one of these two scavenger hunt activities! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two **differentiated** versions! All text is **editable**.

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SCAVENGER HUNT

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EASIER

US Map (color Minnesota)

deer tick

Paul Bunyan

pictographs

Prince

duck

peregrine falcon

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SCAVENGER HUNT

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What Minnesota bird is the fastest animal in the world?

What dangerous disease do deer ticks carry?

Paul Bunyan is an example of an American

Abundant snowfall that occurs near very large lakes and seas is called ____.

Minnesota has two state nicknames. Name one of them.

Color Minnesota on this map of the USA.

What is the capital

What major US river

HARDER

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SCAVENGER HUNT

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ANSWER KEY

What dangerous disease do deer ticks carry?
Lyme disease

Indoor shopping malls in the world?

Abundant snowfall that occurs near very large lakes and seas is called ____.
lake-effect snow

Minnesota has two state nicknames. Name one of them.
North Star State; Land of 10,000 Lakes

Paul Bunyan is an example of an American
tall tale

Color Minnesota on this map of the USA.

What is the capital city of Minnesota?

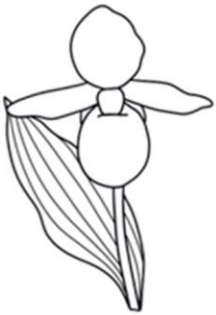
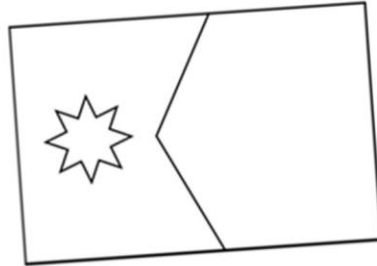
What major US river begins in Itasca State Park?

RECOMMENDED READS

"Minnesota Authors and Settings"

PICTURE BOOKS

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The Birchbark House (Erdrich)
Monsters in the Mist (Brandt)
Erik vs. Everything (Uss)
Sunshine (Bauer)
Second Dad Summer (Klas)
Ferris (DiCamillo)

NONFICTION

Across the Ice: How We Saved the Ojibwe Horse (Whitecrow and O'Connor)
Paul Bunyan: The Invention of an American Legend (Van Sciver and Myles)
One World Series (Sorell)

Students interested in all things Minnesota?
Extend the lesson with a curated, printable list
of books with Minnesota themes and settings.

The list includes picture books, fiction,
and nonfiction titles, all for Grades 2-5.

This list is great for collection development
or for student, teacher, or parent reference.

All text is editable, so you can
customize the list for your library.

NEED TO TURN IN A LESSON PLAN?

This lesson comes with a pre-filled lesson plan aligned to AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 2-5.

PREPARING YOUR LESSON

NOTES ON THIS LESSON:

Use the Notes page to make notes for yourself for the next time you teach this lesson.

LESSON PLAN

DATES

TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

Handouts, "Clicker" audio speakers

GRADES

TYPE GRADE LEVEL(S) HERE

AASL STANDARDS FRAME

[AASL 1.D.3](#)

Enacting new understanding

[AASL C.1.1](#)

Interacting with content presented

[AASL 1.1.6](#)

Read, view, and listen for information in order to make inferences and conclusions

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA](#)

Read and comprehend complex

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2](#)

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Discuss the purpose of a postal abbreviation and Minnesota's postal abbreviation (MN)
- Sign the ASL sign for "Minnesota"
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about Minnesota landforms, sites, cities, landmarks, flag, etc.
- Identify Minnesota on a US map
- Identify Saint Paul as the Minnesota state capital
- Discuss Minnesota symbols, including the state bird, flower, state flag, and state nickname

RELATED VIDEO S:

- ["Minnesota for Kids | US States Learning Video"](#) by Homeschool Pop (<7 min)
- ["John Snell: The Source of the Mississippi River-- Lake Itasca"](#) (<4 min)
- ["Paul Bunyan | America's Legendary Giant"](#) by Mythology Unleashed (8 min)
- ["Peregrine Falcon Sky Dive"](#) by Mythology Unleashed (8 min)

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

THIS LESSON IS PART OF A BUNDLE

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

US STATES LIBRARY BUNDLE



GRADES
2-5

Growing Bundle of US States!



“We started with our home state.

There were references to our county!

The students liked the this or that choices included.

The variety of information provided in

the slides kept the students engaged.

This lesson was used as a library lesson.”

~F H. (used with Grades 3-4)