* **Unit Topic or Theme:** Continents
* **Grade:** 3-4th
* **Lesson Topic or Theme**: Exploring the Continents of the World
* **Lesson Objectives:**
  + The student will be able to get background knowledge about the seven different continents.
  + The student will be able to explore an interactive website that will give them information about the seven continents.
  + The students will be able to further their abilities to use the internet.
* **Instructional Technique:** Group work, Independent work
* **Instructional Materials:**
  + - Blank map of the continents
    - Pencil
    - Computer
    - Social studies notebook
* **Theoretical Perspective:** This topic is important for the students to know because they will need this information to be able to excel later in school. It is important for the students to be able to know the different features that there are in the world.
* **Procedure:**

1. Introductory Activity
   1. The students will meet on the rug to have an introduction of what they will be doing while they are in the computer lab. “Today we are going to play a map quest game on the computer. You will be asked different questions to figure out my location. The different possible locations that I will be are the continents of the world.” The teacher will then introduce the word Continent. “Does anyone know what a continent is?” “How would you describe a continent?” The teacher will have the students turn and talk to brainstorm some ideas on how to answer these questions. After the students have thought of ideas with their peers. The teacher will have the two questions on the board. Then the teacher will ask the students to share their thoughts about how to describe a continent. The teacher will post these ideas on the board for the students to see. This discussion will help the students find the background knowledge that they will need in order for them to finish the web quest
   2. The students will work on their own computers in the computer lab. When going through the web quest the students will have to answer the questions that are asked. “When we get into the computer lab, you will participate in the web quest that will let you explore the different continents. There will be a question that you will have to answer before you can move onto the next question.” Once the student has answered the question correctly they will then have to click on the link to find one fact about the continent. “When you are answering the questions about the continents you will then have to click on the link to find more information about the continent. Once you find two facts, you are to write those facts into your social studies notebook.”
   3. Once the students are completed the web quest they can then review their facts that they found about the continents, they will do this until everyone is completed their web quest.
   4. When returning back to the classroom the students will gather back at the rug. The teacher will lead a discussion about what they learned in the web quest. While discussing, teacher will review the locations of the continent. The teacher will also review the different land features that were in the web quest.

D. Adaptations for different learners:

The students who may need assistance will be able to work with a partner to help them in reading the questions. The students can type their facts that they find, if they are not able to handwrite their answers.

E. Homework

* **Evaluation:**

A. How/ when will you determine if you have met your objectives?

* I will be going around the classroom kid watching to see if they are getting through the website. At the end of the website the students will be given a blank map of the continents. Then the students will have to label the map. This is will just be a quick assessment to let the teacher know where they need to add more work for the students to be able to label where all of the continents are.

1. Concerns or questions you have about teaching this lesson?
   1. The ability to be able to have all the students works on the web quest at the same time. I want to make sure that the students will be able to successfully finish the web quest and get all of the correct information out.