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Write the Room: North America

A Montessori Inspired Geography Lesson

Includes 26 Symbols of North America

Write the Room Activity

Three Part Cards

Ideas to extend the learning to make North America come alive to your students





Aztec Ruins

Explore ancient Aztec ruins in New Mexico, enjoy a half-mile walk through an original Pueblo House and see how ancient people built their homes in the desert.

Around 1100 A.D. ancient peoples embarked on an ambitious building project along the Animas River in northwestern New Mexico. Work gangs excavated, filled, and leveled more than two and a half acres of land. Masons laid out sandstone blocks in intricate patterns to form massive stone walls. Wood-workers cut and carried heavy log beams from mountain forests tens of miles away. In less than three decades they built a monumental great house three-stories high, longer than a football field, with perhaps 500-rooms including a ceremonial great kiva over 41-feet in diameter.

A short trail winds through this massive site offering a surprisingly intimate experience. Along the way visitors discover roofs built 880 years ago, original plaster walls, a reed mat left by the inhabitants, intriguing T shaped doorways, provocative north-facing corner doors, and more. The trail culminates with the reconstructed great kiva, a building that inherently inspires contemplation, wonder, and an ancient sense of sacredness.



Brown Bear

The brown bear is one of the largest and most powerful terrestrial carnivores of North America. This ursine has non-retractable claws that it uses primarily for digging, and it can run at a considerable clip despite its half-ton (454 kg) size—some individuals have been known to attain speeds of up to 35 mph (56 kph) in pursuit of prey. Befitting their name, brown bears possess a coat of black, brown, or tan fur with longer outer hair, often of a different color; they're also equipped with sizable muscles in their shoulders that give them the strength necessary to dig.

Write The room:

Place the laminated placards of all the symbols of North America and attach them in random order to the walls of the room with push pins. Using the charts included in the pack, take a clip board and pencil and search the room to find the symbol that matches the letter and write it down on the appropriate line.



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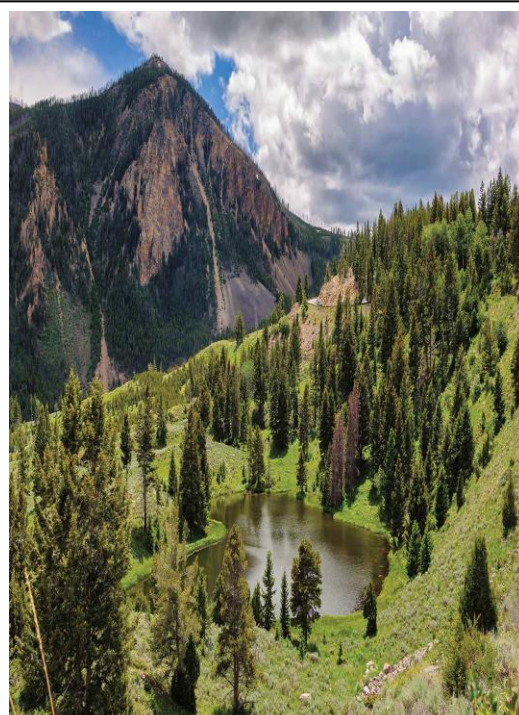
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Yellowstone National Park



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Robin Norgren's Bio



Robin Norgren, M.A. is an Art Teacher living in Apache Junction, Arizona. She owns Josey's Art School, a company that teaches art in afterschool programs, community centers and birthday events in Arizona, Georgia, California and Virginia. She is a certified Montessori Primary Teacher. She is on track to become certified to teach Art in K-6th grade public/charter schools in Arizona in 2018. She received her life coaching certification through Southwest Institute of Healing Arts and received a B.S. in Management from Arizona State University and a M.A. in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Josey's Art School offers many types of creativity programs for kids and adults. We bring all equipment and supplies to you.

Our Options include:

Art Masterpiece Program - This program is organized in a similar fashion as Art Museum kid's classes where we offer a brief art history lesson and then create an art project focused on the artist we explore. These lessons have been taught in both Arizona and Virginia schools.

The Art and Literacy Project - This program introduces kids to fun stories and then invites them to explore the images or concepts within the book through an arts and crafts project. This one is our most popular programs having been utilized as curriculum at two Montessori schools in Arizona.

Art Experiences: Mixed media Projects -This program offers a unique way of teaching art technique to children. We work with all types of paint, watercolors, scrapbook paper and random items we use in our day to day lives. This program is created by a Montessori trained teacher who recognizes and honors the various age groups in the classroom and modifies/amplifies the lesson based on skill level.

I Like Me: Confidence Building Art - These projects are geared towards establishing art as a means to work through stress and anxiety and develop self esteem.

We also create Summer Camps, Workshops and Birthday party experiences

I truly believe that art is a vital component in our lives, promoting peace joy and a sense of connectedness to ourselves and with each other. My work builds a foundation that helps children develop coping skills for stress and anxiety which they will draw from time and again throughout their lifetimes. We offer opportunities for adults to play as well.

Our mission is to ignite creativity in children and adults.

You can find our videos on Youtube under
“WELL OF CREATIONS”



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