

Penzu Elementary Lesson Plan

Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The purpose of this lesson plan is to help the students create a better understanding of the lifestyles of the American settlers using the Penzu application to journal their thoughts.
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">After reading about the first settlers of America, students will create their own journal on Penzu documenting how their lives would be if they were also an American settler. The students will be evaluated based on their thoughts they provided in their Penzu journal.
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HISTORY 5.1.7: Identify and locate the 13 British colonies that became the United States and describe daily life. ¹
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Penzu accountInternet accessInformation on early American settlers
Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prior to this activity, the class will have been discussing the American settlers for two weeks. After learning about the history, students will be assigned to create a journal entry every day for a week using Penzu. The students will be asked to write in their journal as if they were an American settler. They will write about their daily tasks, their thoughts of America, and their interactions with other settlers. The students will then use the “share” feature on Penzu to allow the instructor to see his/her work in the journal.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The students will be evaluated based on the content of their journals and the number of journal entries.

1: <http://dc.doe.in.gov/Standards/AcademicStandards/StandardSearch.aspx>