

Title: Flat Stanley

Overview: This lesson plan uses Wordpress.org to teach students social studies

Objectives: After making their own Flat Stanley and sending them to places all over the country, students will learn about places far away as well as learn about where states are on a map.

Materials:

Family addresses

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Crayons, markers, and paper

Computer

Web Cam

Envelopes and stamps

Note to teacher:

- Make sure the person the child chooses to send their Stanley to be tech savvy and knows how to post a youtube video.
- This lesson plan can be spread throughout the school year

Procedure:

- 1) Read the story Flat Stanley to the class
- 2) The students will create their own Flat Stanley out of the supplies given to them
- 3) Students will address letters to family members in other states
- 4) Teacher have a prewritten letter stating that you want the receiver to use their webcam to post a video on youtube, have them email you when they have posted it
- 5) Place the letter and Flat Stanley in the envelope and send
- 6) When the receiver emails you, link the youtube video to the classroom Wordpress.org page
- 7) Every time a new video is posted place a mark on the interactive map from where each video was from on the Wordpress.org site
- 8) For homework, have the students go on the wordpress.org site and watch the video posted that day then write 2 new facts that they learned about the place that Flat Stanley was sent to

Evaluation: Given a map, students will be able to point out specific states and share a fact about that state with 100% accuracy.