

7th Grade

Africa History and Agriculture Paper using EduBlogs.com

Overview	Students will learn how to properly use a blog, how to communicate with each other, and how to comment on what others have written.
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be assigned to pick a small group to write a paper about Africa with.• Students will do research in a library lab and make a blog with their findings.• Students will comment other class mates blogs with addition information or suggestions, and after the group should have a good basis to begin their paper.
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Studies 7.1.8: Describe the institution of slavery in its various forms in Africa• 7.1.1: Identify and compare the rise of early agricultural river valley civilizations in Africa• English 7.4.1: Discuss ideas for writing, keep a list or notebook of ideas, and use graphic organizers to plan writing.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A computer
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students will sit at their own computer but next to their group members.2. Students will open EduBlogs.com3. Students will begin to do research on Africa's history and agriculture.4. The information that is found will be put into a groups blog.5. When the research in complete then the groups should look into each other's blogs and make at least three comments of suggestions.6. At the end of the critiquing, students will take all the information gathered and write a paper covering the information.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to evaluate, make sure students participated, read each groups blog, and the information contained din the blog should be found in the paper.