6th Grade Social Studies
Lesson: The World

**Purpose**
To teach students about the continents and how to record their research in a mind map

**Standards**
- Places and Regions 6.3.3
- Places and Regions 6.3.4

**Objectives**
- Students will match up cities with countries and countries with continents with 90% accuracy.
- Students will identify major flora and fauna of each continent with 90% accuracy.
- Students will identify climate patterns and geography of each continent with 90% accuracy.

**Materials**
- Pencils
- Paper
- Computers with internet access
- Globe

**Procedures**
1. The class should be divided into five groups. Each group will be assigned a continent (North America, South America, Europe, Asia, or Africa). The teacher will provide necessary information about Australia and Antarctica.
2. Within each group, the students will conduct research on major countries of their assigned continent, major cities, major flora and fauna, climate patterns, and geography.
3. Students will record their information on a collaborative mind map using MindMeister. The teacher will check this information to make sure it is correct before continuing on to the next step. Students should be informed of any corrections they need to make.
4. Once the mind map is complete, students will be asked to look at the information other groups gathered so that they will be able to answer questions about the material.

**Evaluation** Students will be asked a series of questions revolving around the information gathered for the mind map.