



Famous American Explorers

Elementary Teacher Instructions and Activity

Students will choose a famous explorer and draw his or her route across North America on a reproducible map.

Supplies needed: pencil, crayons, colored pencils, reference material with information on the routes of American explorers, reproducible page with map of North America

Directions:

1. Let students pick an explorer from those pictured on the bulletin board, or assign an explorer to each student. Help them research the route their explorer took across the United States.
2. Pass out the reproducible sheet with the map of North America on it.
3. Direct students to draw their explorer's route lightly in pencil first so they can make adjustments if necessary. Then, ask them to draw over the pencil line with a dark crayon or colored pencil.
4. Have students label the route in bold letters. Example: Henry Hudson's Exploration
5. Once routes are marked, students can color their maps and display them on the bulletin board.

Where Did My Explorer Go?

