

Ohio Geography/Location/Population Lesson Plan

Objectives:

1. The student will understand the influence of geography upon the development of cultures.
2. The student will know how location is a factor in the areas chosen for living.
3. The student will be able to read and interpret maps.

Procedure:

1. Each student will be given a United States map showing population clusters.
2. The students will gather data by exploring maps on display at different locations around the room. One map will show topography. Another map will display rivers. Use any other maps that are available (climate, natural resources, etc.). A political map will be displayed as well.
3. The students will develop a hypothesis to explain population clusters.
4. They will then ask questions of the teacher to test this hypothesis.
5. When the main points have been covered, the teacher will state the hypothesis.
6. The students will then revisit the maps to check the hypothesis. They will explore why they were misled or why they came to the correct conclusion.
7. The hypothesis will then be reconfirmed and discussed.

Assessment: Evaluate based on class participation.





(Ohio Political Map with Rivers)

