

LEARN ABOUT THE PIER BY WATCHING A HISTORY VIDEO

GRADE LEVEL(S) 4-8

LESSON OBJECTIVE

Students will select important parts from watching a video. Students will learn new vocabulary.

BACKGROUND/PRIOR KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Students need to have knowledge of some Santa Monica history.

EDUCATION STANDARD(S)

Grade 1: English 3.2 3.3

Grade 4: History Social Science: 4.1

MATERIALS NEEDED

Videos – “Classic Santa Monica, CA” or “Weekend Explorer Santa Monica California” (2005), video guide worksheet, KWL chart

MOTIVATION

Teacher will ask, “What do you know about Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Pier?”
Teacher will write answers on the KWL chart.

K	W	L
What I <i>know</i>	What I <i>want</i> to know	What I <i>learned</i>

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

Teacher	Students
Teacher will view the video in advance and select vocabulary words. Teacher will preview vocabulary for students. Then the teacher will hand out a video guide worksheet. The teacher will model on the overhead how to use this worksheet and review the questions with students. The teacher will play the video, pausing at significant moments and discussing important events.	Students will take notes using the video guide to write their thoughts and opinions.

GROUP/INDEPENDENT WORK

Students can work independently or in varying groups depending on the level of ability, class size and/or teacher's preference.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Preview vocabulary, relating key concepts to students' prior knowledge, and having students think and write about extending topics of the video to capture main ideas.

ASSESSMENT/WRAP UP

After the video, the students will share their video guide responses orally with the class, making sure to discuss why Santa Monica history and Pier history is important and ensuring that the students understand that Santa Monica continues to change. Teacher will review KWL chart with students to determine what they knew, what they wanted to know and what they learned about the Pier.

Name _____

Date _____

Santa Monica Video Questions

1. When did the Santa Monica Pier open?

2. What was the primary reason for the Pier?

3. What is Santa Monica's first National Historic Landmark?

4. In what year did the Yacht harbor open?

5. Why was Muscle Beach important?