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Social Studies

Explorer – “Go Fish”

Items Needed: Homemade Explorer Cards

Standards:

5.2.4 Explain the significance of scientists, inventors, and historical figures

5.2.7 Explain reasons for early exploration

Objectives:

The students will learn about early explorers and their significance

The students will understand the reasons for early exploration

Learning Activities:

1. The students will recall what they know about early explorers
2. Discuss how to play “Go Fish”
3. The students and teacher will play a large group practice run
4. The students will be split into groups of 3 and 4
5. Students will play “Go Fish” using the explorer cards provided for them
6. The students will discuss what new information they learned

Assessment:

Students will recall and discuss the significance of early explorers

Students will recite the 3 main reasons for early exploration

Reflection:

*laminates the cards

*provide a privacy folder so the students can set down their cards to be better organized

	1	3	5	Total Points
Identify main reasons for exploration	Identify 1 reason	Identify 2 reasons	Identify all 3 reasons	
Participated in discussion about the significance of early explorers	No participation	Very little participation	Very engaged in the discussion	
Behavior	Was not engaged in activity/very distractive	Engaged but still had outbursts/cheated	Very engaged and attentive/followed all of the rules	

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