



New Hampshire | Lesson Plan

What are the unique facts and features about the state of New Hampshire?

Students will understand New Hampshire's geography, unique characteristics, and historical significance.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify and locate the state of New Hampshire on a map, understanding its geographical positioning among the 50 states.
- Know the abbreviation for the state of New Hampshire and be able to spell its name.
- Describe nine unique characteristics of New Hampshire, including aspects of its history, climate, and cultural significance.

Key Vocabulary:

- **The Underground Railroad:** A secret network of routes, safe houses, and people who helped slaves escape to freedom in the North or Canada before the Civil War. It wasn't an actual railroad but used railroad terms as codes to hide its activities.
- **Mount Washington:** The tallest mountain in the Northeastern United States, located in New Hampshire. Known for its extreme weather conditions, it is part of the White Mountains and a popular destination for hiking, skiing, and scenic train rides.
- **Granite:** A hard, durable, and speckled natural rock made mostly of quartz, feldspar, and mica. It is commonly used in construction and monuments and is the state rock of New Hampshire, earning the state its nickname, "The Granite State."
- **Presidential Primary:** An election where voters from a political party choose their preferred candidate to run for president in the general election. New Hampshire is famous for holding the first presidential primary in the United States, making it an important event in the election process.
- **The Pine Tree Riot:** A 1772 rebellion in New Hampshire where colonists protested British laws restricting the cutting of white pine trees, which were reserved for the king's navy. This early act of defiance against British authority foreshadowed the American Revolution and demonstrated growing resistance to British control.

Educational Standards: CCRA.R.1, CCRA.R.7, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2, CCRA.W.7, CCRA.W.8

Academic Subjects: America, History, Geography

What You'll Need

- Video: *Unboxed, USA: New Hampshire* (Click [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Unboxed, USA: Game Map* (Click [Here](#))
- Optional: colored pencils, crayons, or markers to color the map

Scan to watch episode:



Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Begin by exploring the concept of the United States as a unified country with diverse states, each with its unique history, landscape, and characteristics. Reflect on the meaning of the word “United” in “United States” and its significance.
2. Introduce the “Unboxed, USA: Game Map,” explaining the instructions and emphasizing the mystery element of identifying one of the fifty states through clues.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Explain that students will play a game to discover the mystery state.
2. Play the video. Encourage active participation and observational skills.
3. Pause the video as needed to allow students time to process information, make educated guesses, and understand key points in greater depth.
4. Take time to go over key vocabulary and historical elements for the state of New Hampshire.

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Facilitate a review of the nine key facts about New Hampshire, encouraging students to articulate their learning and contribute their insights either verbally or by writing on the board.
2. Consider collecting the completed activities as a formative assessment to gauge understanding and engagement with the lesson's content.

Optional Extension Lesson:

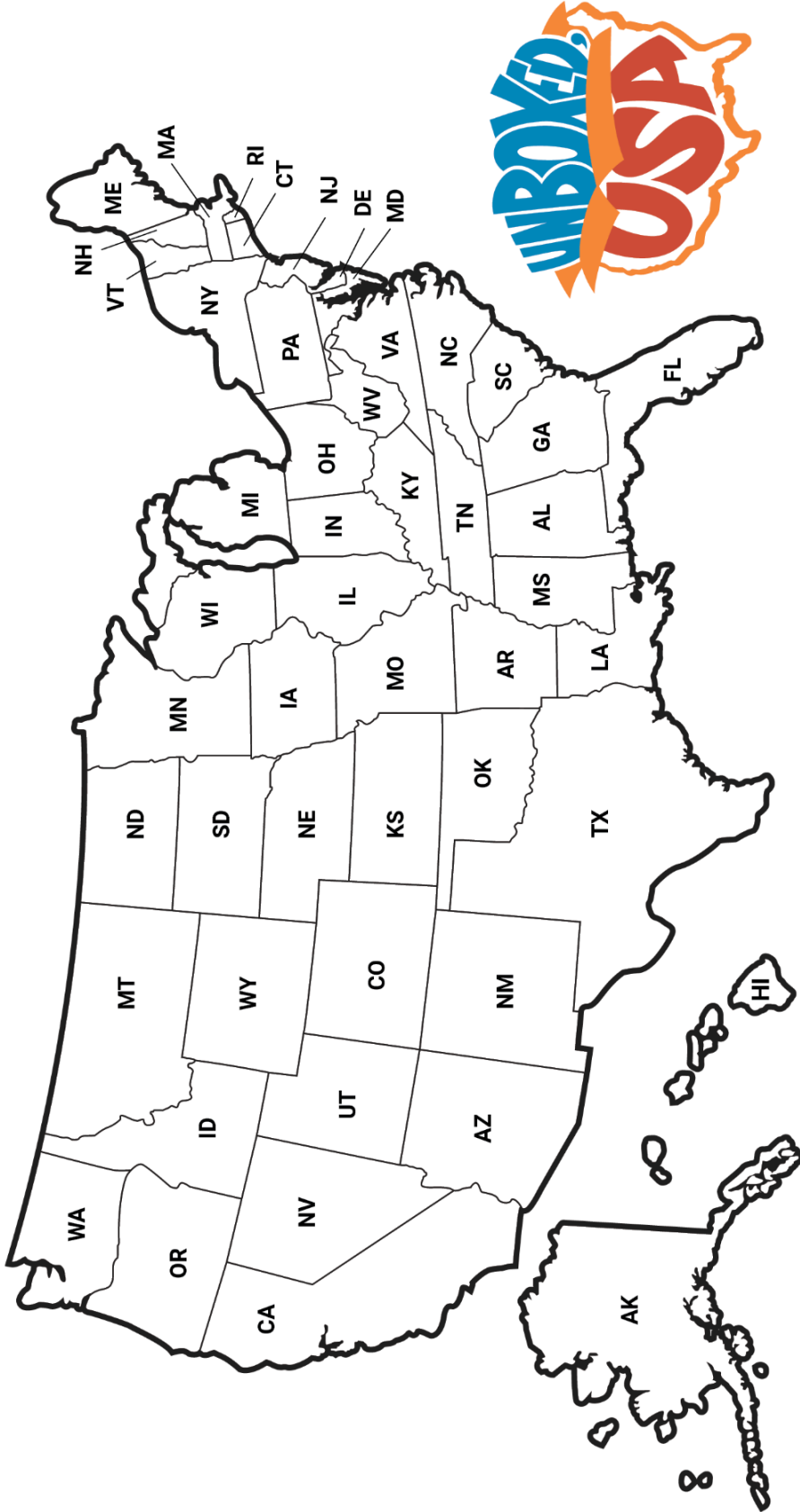
- Analyze the role of the Electoral College in the presidential election process, considering its impact on state representation, the balance of power between states, and its alignment with the principles of federalism outlined in the U.S. Constitution.
 - *Street Smarts: The Constitution* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Street Smarts: The Electoral College* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Craftory: Ballot Box* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
- Analyze the concept of federalism and its impact on the relationship between state and national governments, as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.
 - *Street Smarts: Federalism* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: Madison & Montesquieu* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: John Adams & Thomas Jefferson* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: Justice John Marshall* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))

Don't have time for the full lesson? Quick Activity (15 mins.)

Distribute the game map and allow students to complete it while they follow along with the video.

Instructions:

Play along with the **Unboxed, USA** video. After the first three clues, mark your initial guess with a "1" on the state you think it is. Start jotting down any important facts on the lines provided. After the next three clues, make your second guess by marking a "2" on the state you think it is. Continue adding facts to your list. Following the last set of three clues, make your final guess and mark it with a "3." Were you correct? Put a star on the correct state and write it out on the line provided. Aim to have a list of six key facts by the end of the episode.



Fact 1 _____ **Fact 4** _____

Fact 2 _____ **Fact 5** _____

Fact 3 _____ **Fact 6** _____

_____ **State Name**