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Environmental Impact

LESSON PLAN FOR SUPPORTING QUESTION

Why are landforms important?
Source

Use available citation information to infer something about who, what, when and/or where is represented in the primary source.

Consider why someone created this primary source.
Observe

What do you see in the primary source?
Contextualize

Use your schema and author’s clues to infer who, what, when and/or where (something) about the primary source.
Generate questions and use other sources to research and find evidence related to the primary source.
**Think Like a Geographer**

A person who studies the environment and how it impacts people.

- Describe details about this location. What do you notice that can help figure out where this place is located? What is unique?
- Why would people move to or leave this place?
- How would people travel to this location? How has traveling to this location changed over time?
- Describe details about people who live here and how they impact the location? How does the location impact the people who live there?

**Think Like an Economist**

A person who studies the way people make decisions about money.

- Describe the people in relation to the location. What jobs or occupations do you think people had? Why do you say that? How do you think they met their needs and wants?
- How do decisions made by individuals affect themselves and the economy?
- How do decisions made by businesses affect people?
- How do jobs impact people and the economy? Describe what happens when jobs are lost.
## Think Like a Historian

A person who explains changes that happened in the past.

- What happened in the past? Why is it important to understand what has happened in the past?
- How did past decisions or actions significantly transform people’s lives?
- What has changed or stayed the same over time? Who benefited from the change? Why? Who did not benefit? Why?
- Who or what made changes happen? Who supported the change? Who didn’t? Why?

## Think Like a Political Scientist

A person who studies governments and how they work.

- What problems might people have faced in this society?
- What rights do people have? What rights are people missing?
- What might lead to people being treated fairly? What might lead to people being treated unfairly?
- What information can be gathered about trends at this location or time period that might change or impact the future?
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This 1946 illustration was created by artist Paul Sample, and is entitled, “America, Its Soil.” The image shows scenes of land use and farming superimposed on a map of the United States. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Sample, Paul, “America, Its Soil,” 1946
## Analyze an Image

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Sierra Nevada Mountain Pass, 1867

This print shows a wilderness scene with a bear at the edge of a stream and waterfalls and mountains in the background. It is an image of a mountain pass in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range near Lake Tahoe. This pass was a point on the Carson Trail during the California Gold Rush. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Currier & Ives, “The mountain pass, Sierra Nevada,” 1867
Valley of the Mississippi River near Clinton, Iowa, 1899

This photograph captures the Mississippi River Valley near Clinton, Iowa, in 1899. Courtesy of Library of Congress, “Valley of the Mississippi, near Clinton, Iowa,” Detroit Publishing Co., 1899
A field of sweet corn near Marengo in Iowa County, Iowa, is shown in this photograph by Carol Highsmith. The photo was taken in 2016. Courtesy of Library of Congress, Highsmith, Carol M., “Vast field of sweet corn near Marengo in Iowa County, Iowa,” 8 August 2016
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**Supporting Question:** Why are landforms important?

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**Proficient:** Shows understanding of landforms and explains why they are important. Using at least three examples.

**Developing:** Some accurate and some inaccurate ideas about landforms and their importance with two examples.

**Beginning:** Unable to write/draw/explain any ideas in the given time and/or ideas are very inaccurate.
# Analyze an Object

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Vocabulary Flashcards

Valley

Canyon

Plateau
Valley Canyon

A deep valley with steep sides, often with a stream flowing through it.

Plateau

Elevated landform that rises above the surrounding area and has a flat top.

Canyon

A deep valley with steep sides, often with a stream flowing through it.

Valley

A low area between hills or mountains.