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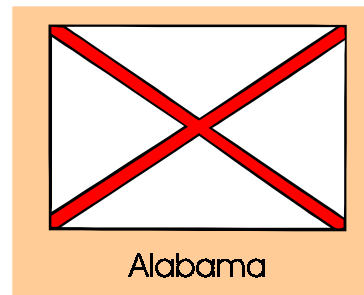
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Exploring the 5 Capitals of ALABAMA

A web quest for 4th grade

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This lesson was developed to supplement the fourth grade Alabama History curriculum. The objectives and activities correlate with the Alabama State Course of Study in multiple academic areas. This document is available online at www.alsde.edu.

The primary goal of the lesson is to familiarize students with the five capitals of Alabama and to lead them into exploring reasons why the capital was moved each time.



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The learners participating in this lesson are fourth grade Alabama History students.

Prerequisite skills students need would include basic exposure to the Internet and a general understanding of the five capitals of Alabama that would have been gathered through textbook exploration and classroom discussions. I would have students complete this web quest at the conclusion of the chapter dealing with Alabama's five capitals.



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The standards from the lesson are taken directly from the Alabama Course of Study. I have also included a list of cognitive skills that I believe are exercised through the completion of the various tasks. Please click on the icon below to view these standards.



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Each student will work with a partner. The group will have two one-hour periods to complete three tasks. The tasks include labeling a map of Alabama with the location of the five capitals, reading to find reasons why the capital was moved each time, and recording information learned on a teacher-made sheet. You can see the process in more detail by exploring the following student pages:

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Resources needed include:

- A computer lab equipped with at least one computer per two children
- A printer networked to the computers
- One teacher
- This web quest document



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My criteria for scoring is as follows (100 pt. total):

- **Printing Map (10 pts.):** 10 points for *independently* locating & printing the map from the designated site without; 5 points if assistance is needed
- **Map (20 pts.):** 2 points (per capital) for correct spelling & 2 points (per capital) for correct location
- **Worksheet (60 pts.):** 10 points for each correct answer (Partial credit will be assigned depending on completeness of answer. Not using complete sentence results in a loss of 2 points per answer.)
- **Cooperation (10 pts.):** Points deducted in this area if the group encounters problems that they are not able to resolve



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This web quest activity would be a wonderful supplemental activity to the fourth grade Alabama History textbook chapter on Alabama's five capitals. The web quest promotes active learning, reinforces a number of Alabama Course of Study concepts, and provides students with an interactive online learning experience.



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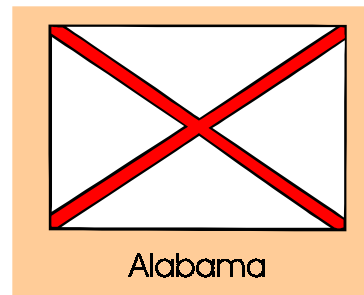
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Your mission, should you choose to accept it (and you must!), is to:

- Locate and label all five Alabama Capitals on a map
- Read information about Alabama's Capitals and decide why the capital moved each time.
- Find an error on a web site and notify the site owner of his mistake (extra credit is involved here)!



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1. You will be assigned a partner to work with
2. We will use two computer lab sessions to work on the project (you will need to use your time well!)
3. You will need to follow the directions on the next few pages. There will be documents that you will print and turn in for a grade.
4. Have FUN!



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Click on the map below to go to the first web site. On this site, you will need to locate and print the map of Alabama.



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1. Each link below leads to information about one county in Alabama.
2. You must READ CAREFULLY to find out in which county each capital is located.
3. Label the map you just printed with each of the 5 capitals in the correct county.
 - [County A](#)
 - [County B](#)
 - [County C](#)
 - [County D](#)
 - [County E](#)



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1. Print the “Capitals on the Move” worksheet by clicking:



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2. Visit each site below by clicking on the link.

3. Complete the worksheet using the information you learn from the sites below.

- [Site 1](#)

- [Site 2](#)

- [Site 3](#) (This site contains a song that should be helpful)



Extra Credit (5 pts.)

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* All other tasks must be finished FIRST.

1. Go to the site below.
2. Carefully read the information and try to find a mistake the author made that relates to what we are studying.
3. Write the mistake at the bottom of you “Capitals on the Move” worksheet.
4. E-mail the web site owner and *politely* inform him of his mistake and suggest how he could fix it.

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- This program was created with Microsoft Power Point.
- The format used was taken from a template that can be found at [The WebQuest Page](#)
- The following web sites were used as references:

<http://www.mindspring.com/~rjones>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/capital/capitals.html>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/counties/tuscaloo.html>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/counties/montgome.html>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/counties/madison.html>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/counties/washingt.html>

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/counties/dallas.html>

<http://www.alabamamoments.alalinc.net/sec05qs.html>

http://www.americanprofile.com/issues/20000924/20000924se_292.asp

<http://ourworld.cs.com/mobiletiddbits>



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Congratulations! Do you feel your head growing larger and larger to hold all of the new information you have learned? You can now go home knowing that you are your family's **EXPERT** on the five capitals of Alabama. Go ahead. Quiz your parents and see if you can teach them what you know!

