

## **Title – *Jump Into Geography***

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**OVERVIEW** – Since our district's elementary Geography Guru, Linda Weatherwax, has retired, I will attempt to bring back to life Geography at Lincoln Elementary School through a Power Point presentation of the Illinois Geography Alliance 2007 Summer Institute, *In the Footsteps of Lincoln*.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Third through fifth grade teachers

## **TIME NEEDED**

30 minutes

## **ILLINOIS LEARNING STANDARDS**

Social Science 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D

### **National Core Propositions:**

1. Teachers are committed to student learning.
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students.
3. Teachers are members of Learning Communities (Collaborate with others to improve student's learning.).

***Social Studies Interdisciplinary = Language Arts/Fine Arts/Math***

## **OBJECTIVES**

Colleagues, administrators, and parents will become interested in geography via a Power Point presentation, handouts (file folder provided), discussions/conversations, and encouragement thus increasing student learning in geography.

## **MATERIALS –**

### **Presenter:**

File folder for each --participant  
Computer  
LCD projector  
Screen or large blank wall  
Handouts

### **Participant:**

Open mind  
Attentive

### **Visuals:**

Power Point presentation  
Handouts

## **ADVANCED PREPARATION**

Teacher will ask administrator to be included in a faculty agenda meeting early in the year to make the 30-minute Power Point presentation.

### **INTRODUCING THE ACTIVITY**

Presenter will --introduce-- a Power Point presentation about the activities of the IGA Illinois Geography Alliance 2007 Summer Institute, In The Footsteps of Lincoln.

Presenter will wear a bonnet or a top hat as an attention getter and reminder of the presentation.

### **PROCEDURE**

Presenter will show the Power Point Presentation, add comments, and answer any questions.

### **CONCLUDING THE ACTIVITY**

A sign up sheet will be used to gather names of colleagues that would like to use the Power Point to begin to add ownership of *Jump into Geography*.

### **ASSESSING THE ACTIVITY**

Administrator will evaluate teacher as part of a differential evaluation.

### **EXTENDING THE ACTIVITY**

Presenter will distribute handouts and information about learning opportunities throughout the year to be put in the file folder that was given to each colleague at the beginning of the year. Hopefully, this will also encourage others to get involved in IGA events.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

This Power Point presentation is dedicated to Karla Giles, IGA Teacher Consultant for her commitment and dedication to Geography, student and teacher learning, and life!

### **REFERENCES**

IGA 2007 Summer Institute (6 days)

Instructors:

- Karla Giles
- Kathie Kleckner
- Glen Weatherwax
- Linda Weatherwax
- Mary Ann Hanlin
- Ani Smith
- Judy Bock