



LESSON PLANS FOR MINNESOTA HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

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Key:

MN Story - *Minnesota: The Story of a Great State* by Maude L. Lindquist and James W. Clark

GR1 and GR2 - *Gopher Reader, Volumes 1 & 2*, edited by Hermina Poatgieter and James Taylor Dunn

SBW - *Land of Sky-Blue Waters* by August William Derleth

BM – *Building Minnesota* by Theodore Blegen (ch. 14 only)

DK - *The Dakota War of 1862: Minnesota's Other Civil War* by Kenneth Carley (1 chapter)

ASSIGNMENT #1

Read and narrate: MN Story p 47-54; GR1 p 202, 1, 2-4; GR2 p 15-17, 54-57 and SBW Ch 1&2.

Ongoing assignment - once during the term, choose something in your readings that you want to know more about, research it and write a paragraph or more explaining it, to be shared in group.

GEOGRAPHY -

Fill in your map with List 1 before you begin your readings.

Do one map drill (on a different day).

Minnesota – List 1

Cities/Towns

Reno

La Crescent

La Crosse, WI

Red Wing

Winona

Wabasha (Read's Landing)

St. Paul

Hastings

Minneapolis

Ortonville

Taylors Falls

Water

Mississippi River

Lake Pepin

Minnesota River

Big Stone Lake

St. Croix River

Other

Hiawatha Valley (between La Crescent & Wabasha)

St. Croix Valley (between Hastings and Taylors Falls)

ASSIGNMENT #2

Read: MN Story p 54-57, SBW Ch 3-5, GR 2 p 21-23, GR 1 p 5-7, p40-43, Optional: p44-47.

Listen to the official recording of the MN state song "Hail! Minnesota!"

GEOGRAPHY –

Fill in your Master Map with all the new places from list 2 before you begin the readings. We will continue to add to that map throughout the term. Do one map drill.

Minnesota – List 2

Cities/Towns

Albert Lea

Austin

Northfield

Faribault

Owatonna

Rochester

Mankato

St. Peter

Fairmont

Worthington

Pipestone
Redwood Falls
Blue Earth
St. James
Le Sueur
Montevideo
Tracy
Waseca
Jackson
Windom
Slayton
Luverne
Marshall
New Ulm
Ivanhoe
Granite Falls
Madison

ASSIGNMENT #3

Read and narrate:

MN Story p 57-59

GR 2 p 24-26

GR1 p 62-63, 64-67

SBW ch 6-8

GEOGRAPHY - Fill in places from List 3 on your master map the first week (before beginning the reading).

Week #2: do a map drill. Keep your list with you for spelling, etc.

Minnesota – List 3

Cities/Towns

Moorhead

Fargo, ND

Crookston

Thief River Falls

Pembina

Water

Red River

Lake of the Woods

ASSIGNMENT #4

Read and narrate:

SBW ch 9 - 11

MN Story p 59 - 63 (scanned in files)

GR 1 p 36 - 37 (optional)

GR 2 p 27 – 29

BM – chapter 14 only, “The Indians Give Up Their Land”

GEOGRAPHY - Fill in your master map with List 4 before you begin your readings. Do a map drill sometime during the second week.

Minnesota – List 4

Cities/Towns

Duluth

Superior, WI

Grand Marais

Two Harbors

Cloquet

Ely

Water

Lake Superior

St. Louis River

ASSIGNMENT #5

Read and narrate:

SBW - Ch 12 - 14

MN Story - p 63 - 66

DW - Ch 1 – “Causes of the Sioux Uprising”

GEOGRAPHY - Fill in new places (only 2) from List 5 on your Master Map before you begin your readings. Do one map drill.

Minnesota – List 5

Saw Tooth Mountains

Gun Flint Trail

ASSIGNMENT #6

Read and narrate: SBW - finish

MN Story p66 - 69

GR 1 - p26 - 28

GEOGRAPHY: Add new places from Map List 6 to your Master Map before you begin reading. Do one map drill.

Minnesota – List 6

Cities/Towns

Brainerd

Bemidji

International Falls

Fergus Falls

Alexandria

St. Cloud

Willmar