

Lesson Plan

Mesa Verde Marks

Book: *Mesa Verde*

Series: Visit and Learn

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students demonstrate understanding of standard English capitalization.

Supplies

- *Mesa Verde* book
- Mesa Verde Marks worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Read through the *Mesa Verde* book with students, or assign it for them to read on their own. Print a copy of the Mesa Verde Marks worksheet for each student.

Activity

When studying ancient sites, scientists must pay careful attention to small details. They try to find evidence that explains what life was like in the past. In this activity, students will pay close attention to details in text. They will work to spot errors in capitalization. Students should circle words that need to be capitalized. They should cross out words that should be lowercase.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each error they find, for a total of 18 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' language standards, grade 2 (L 2.2).

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