

Seasonal/Holiday

# PUNXSUTAWNEY GROUNDHOG DAY



## VIRTUAL field trip

# SOCIAL STUDIES

Travel to Punxsutawney ,  
Pennsylvania to learn about the  
history of Groundhog Day.  
Discover the importance of  
Pennsylvania in the history of  
United States of America.





## Let's Explore!: What is Groundhog Day?

Groundhog Day is celebrated each year on February 2nd. On this day people rely on the groundhog to predict the weather for the next six weeks. According to folklore, if the groundhog comes out of his burrow on this day and sees his shadow there will be winter for six more weeks. However, if he does not see his shadow, then spring will come early.

This celebration is popular in North America. The tradition of Groundhog Day came from German settlers. In 1886, a Pennsylvania newspaper declared February 2nd as Groundhog Day, naming the local groundhog as Punxsutawney Phil. Since then the day and tradition has spread throughout the United States, but the largest celebration takes place in Punxsutawney, PA each year.



Highlight in the passage where the answers to the questions below can be found.

1. When is Groundhog Day celebrated?
2. What does the holiday predict?
3. Where does the largest Groundhog Day celebration take place?
4. Who started the holiday tradition?

# INTEGRATES READING

Short reading passages  
build background and  
introduce key vocabulary.

# SCIENCE:

Learn about the science of  
lights and shadows.

## Let's Explore: What are shadows?

1. Name three different sources of light.

2. What are the 7 different colors that we see light in?

3. What makes a shadow?

4. Why are shadows different shapes?

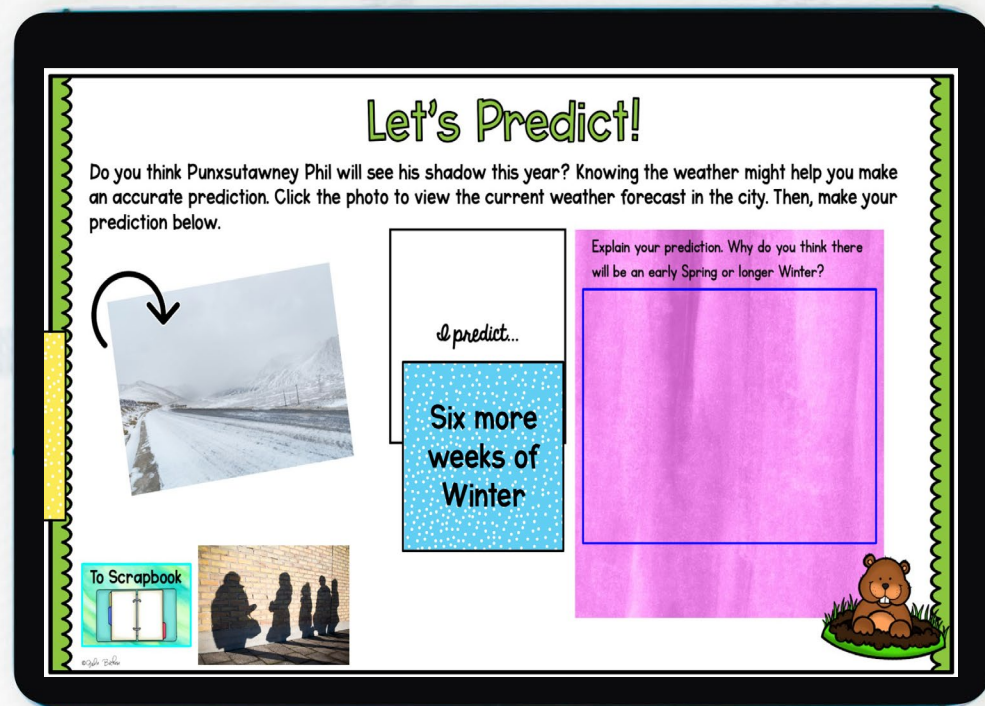




# ENGAGING & EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

Videos and multimedia engage students in the topic, leading to deeper understanding.





# MAKE PREDICTIONS AND WATCH THE FOOTAGE

Students dive deep into this engaging topic and learn to draw conclusions and make judgements.



## Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

## Google Slides and SeeSaw



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