Social Studies MOUNT ERES 2 MT. EVEREST VIRTUAL Field trip

Naming Mount Everest

Watch the video to learn about how Mt. Everest was named!



Mount Everest was named after the British leader of the mapping expedition that set out to measure the mountain. George Everest didn't have access to the land, but it is his name that is used when referring to the mountain. People in Nepal and Tibet, however, who had been living near the great mountain forever, already had sacred names for it. What do you think of this?

SOCIAL STUDIES

Develop a deeper understanding of Mount Everest and learn the history how it was named.

The Other Side of the Story

The people who choose to climb Mt. Everest are very brave and courageous in the face of such a dangerous adventure. The people who try, the people who succeed, and even the people who die trying are viewed with wonder and amazement. Mount Everest itself is viewed with the same admiration. There is another side of the story, however, that isn't as well known to many people. It is an important side, though.

There are many villages in the Himalayas. Nepalese people and families have lived in those villages for many, many years. They treat the Himalayas as gods, with respect, gratitude, and protection. Mt. Everest is known as "Mother Goddess". For the most part, the people living in the villages don't have access to high-paying jobs or education. They must do whatever they can to make a living.

When people started climbing Mt. Everest (by choice), the climbers realized that they could use the help of locals who knew the area and the weather patterns well. So, people from all over the world started paying men and boys in the villages to help them reach the top. The men and boys who do this are called Sherpas, or porters, and there are hundreds of them who spend spring and summer on Mt. Everest. They risk their lives and leave their homes to make very little money to bring home. For many people, this is the only opportunity they have to support their family.

This exchange has become very regular, and it leads to the death of many Sherpas and porters each year. The dangers of Mt. Everest do not only threaten the climbers who make the choice to climb the mountain, but also the Sherpas and porters who do not have the choice. When people from around the world decide to pay for Sherpas' help, they don't always consider the risk to that person or the fact that it may be the only way they can make money for their families. It has become a system that works against the people and families in the Nepalese villages in the Himalayas. And, worse, climbers leave *several* tons of trash on the sacred mountain each and every year.

INTEGRATES READING

Short reading passages build background and introduce key vocabulary.

INTERACTIVE SCRAPBOOK

Watch read alouds, read passages, and complete interactive questions and activities to show what you learn along the way.

Climbing Mt. Everest As you learn about Mt. Everest, gather The Other Side hiking equipment to help of the Story you make it to the top **Climbing Mt. Everest** of the mountain. Where Is Mt. Everest? Copy (Ctrl+C) and paste (Ctrl+V) the What Is Mt. Everest? 🖌 equipment onto your location on the mountain!

ENGAGING & EDUCATIONAL MEDIA

Videos incorporate social studies and reading skills. Includes standards-based interactive activities.





CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

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



SAFETY EDUCATION

reduce the risk of accidents, injuries, and emergencies by fostering a culture of awareness, responsibility, and preparedness.

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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