Mystery Skype for ALL!

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Why?

“Mystery Skype incorporates the 4Cs: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and, of course, communication, and addresses many areas of social studies benchmarks, speaking and listening standards and 21st century skills.”

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Builds questioning skills
Increases geographic literacy
Cultural connections
Fun format
Extensions

- Skype Book Discussion
- Skype Interviews
- Virtual Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Skype Human Bingo
- Skype Debate
How Does a Mystery Skype Work?

Pre-planning

https://vimeo.com/94077606
Unplugged first

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/03/lp325-05.shtml

Practice!
• Assessment is embedded in the activity
• The teacher is the facilitator, students are the leaders
• Students create the questions (based on the quality of the question, determines the outcome)
• You will see in real time, whether your students KNOW the location, properties of the number, element, habitat, etc.
How I started...

1. Sign up for Microsoft for Education
   https://education.microsoft.com/skype-in-the-classroom/overview

2. start by sharing the video with students and teachers to show them what it will be like.  https://vimeo.com/94077606

3. Have kids start reading about what to do and not to do- (Great Mystery Skype Questions to Get you...)

4. Have kids start researching things about Arkansas (so they can answer questions- are we in the northern hemisphere? Are we landlocked? in the U.S. etc.)

5. Students begin creating questions to ask- start broad move to narrow
Setting Up

- Assign roles [https://goo.gl/forms/h3jlqq4VHJP80Dyz2](https://goo.gl/forms/h3jlqq4VHJP80Dyz2)
- Materials
  - MAPS! Start broad, narrow...
  - Chromebooks/Computers
  - Webcam and screen
  - Cameras/iPad
  - Marker board
- Test the connection
Surveys

Responses to role survey

https://docs.google.com/a/greenbrierschools.org/forms/d/1hXSaE_ZJBjrssnJr2yQw6F8DoQaGAcdaeE66VeJnbdU/edit#responses

Role sheet

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17EtdxkH6w45uEl4rBnZV-JRStNVdJ6fbEsUDYIKFm38/edit

Survey after participation

https://goo.gl/forms/e4tvpGBzA2wWE6F82
Videos

https://drive.google.com/a/greenbrierschools.org/file/d/0B_EZU30Fz6wFWGrXbHo2ckRZTTQ/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_EZU30Fz6wFU1RhaXlPWXNHSGM/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/a/greenbrierschools.org/file/d/0B_EZU30Fz6wFZnpZb0wwUzNZMjQ/view?usp=sharing
Global Classroom

5 Benefits

http://technologytools4teaching.blogspot.com/2014/08/5-benefits-to-global-classroom.html
Extensions

- Mystery Skype
  - Older students, more sophisticated vocabulary
  - Younger students- guess an animal
- Mystery Skype a (number, element, habitat, song, ? content area)
Success!

Bingo with Portugal

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_EZU30Fz6wFSU41MXJmMmRtdzg/view?usp=sharing
Ideas on where and how to get started

http://teachingwithtechnologyhub.weebly.com/mystery-skype-connections.html

http://mrkempnz.com/2015/01/mystery-skype-how-i-make-it-work.html

https://www.tes.com/articles/discover-world-your-classroom-mystery-skype


Every Student is Engaged and Involved!

GT student
Excel but get frustrated!

Regular Student
Becomes empowered!

Struggling Student
Learns from others and is part of the TEAM!

Fidgeter
Opportunities to move around and talk while being productive!
Would you recommend this Activity? YES!