



Foreign Language Virtual Learning

Angkor

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6th Grade Foreign Cultures Lesson: April 27, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

I can evaluate the impact of human settlement activities on the environmental and cultural characteristics of specific places and regions.

Warm Up: What monuments have you visited? Have you been to the National World War I museum in Kansas City? Have you been to the Truman Library or Truman House?





For this unit we will travel to the far side of the globe and learn about Cambodia.

We will view photos that capture the temple city of Angkor, an archeological site in the jungles of Cambodia. Angkor is currently listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site primarily due to its artistic and architectural achievements.

Other well known World Heritage Sites recognized for their architecture include the Statue of Liberty in New York City; Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Acropolis in Athens, Greece; the Great Wall of China; and The Taj Majal in India.



As we learn more about this fascinating location, answer the questions posed on the attached [slideshow](#).

Remember to use complete sentences and answer the questions thoroughly. Think about having a discussion as you answer. What thoughts would you want to share as part of a class discussion? How does your thinking change as you contemplate the question?



Think about the monuments that you have visited. Independence and Kansas City are lucky to have a roll in the history of the United States. A president was born and raised in our town. One of the most important learning resources for World War I is located in Kansas City. We also have an iconic train station, religious monuments, and historical sites and museums that are recognized throughout the country and world.

1. What could be the value of visiting a historic building?
2. How might walking through an old building impact one's experience of modern life?
3. If you wish, share a photo of you while you visited an historic location.

Mrs. Keane and her family and the WWI museum and Union Station.





Preserving Historic Sites

A number of things can threaten or destroy ancient architectural sites, including environmental factors, development, war, and tourism.

A year ago, the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, a building that has been around for almost 1000 years, was destroyed by a fire last year. During both world wars, many sites in Europe were bombed. During the Iraqi invasions of the last few decades, important sites and objects in what is known as the Cradle of Civilization, were lost forever.

Do you think it is important to protect such sites for future generations? Why? What places, either in general or specifically, do you think should be preserved for future generations? Where would you want to take your children so they can learn about the past?



View the Google Tour of Angkor to get an introduction to the place we are learning about.

["World Wonders: Angkor Wat."](#) Google Cultural Institute.



Additional Resources

"Heritage site in peril: Angkor Wat is falling down." *The Independent*, March 14, 2008.