



Foreign Language Virtual Learning

Angkor

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6th Grade Foreign Cultures

Lesson: April 28, 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 do you think makes architectural sites attractive to tourists today?





Angkor Wat is the world's largest religious monument. More than a million people visit Angkor annually, and the numbers continue to rise. World Heritage Sites, like Angkor, are universally recognized places that attract people from around the world.

Take a look at the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) list of [World Heritage Sites](#). Explore the map and lists. Some of the locations are man made while others are natural sites like the Grand Canyon. Pay attention as well to the list or map of endangered sites.

Find 3 places you would like to visit one day. List these on your [slideshow](#) for this unit.



Photo Essay

You are going to view a [series of photos of Angkor](#). Take your time to study the details of the buildings. Think about how we studied light and shadow, looked for small details, and discussed why an object or person was placed in a certain area of the scene. The photographer is showing you images in a certain way for a reason.

Think about ways that architectural sites, like Angkor, enable people to experience the natural and cultural history of the past. Take note of the ways that the photographer portrays the connection between people, nature, and architecture in his photographs.



Photo Essay

After viewing the photos, scroll down on the [page](#) to read about the photographer, the history of Angkor Wat, and the connection between the human spirit and the natural world.

Answer the next questions on your slideshow for this unit.



Photographer Christian Houge explores the contrast between architecture and nature. Select a few photographs where the natural elements of water, trees, or sunlight play a central role in the photo essay. Mention the photo number and describe the different elements of nature that you see in the photo. How did the photographer include those elements in addition to the buildings and statues?



Angkor Wat means "temple city" or "city of temples" in Khmer. The city of Angkor contains about 1,000 temples of various sizes. Photographer Christian Houge said, "These images are an invitation - one of awe and wonderment." Which photographs do you think portray the awe and wonderment of Angkor? Why?



Additional Resources

Dan McLerran, "[Angkor Wat Facing an Uncertain Future](#)." Popular Archaeology, July 26, 2011.