

Positive Planet Grade 2/3 Lesson Plan II

Goals:

- Increase knowledge of geography of Africa/Uganda
- Introduce or review basic geographic categories: continents, countries, bodies of water
- Introduction to the use of maps

Warm up questions:

- What is a continent?
- Is Africa a country or a continent
- What do you know about Africa?
- Where is Africa?
- What are the regions of Africa?
- Where is Uganda?

Materials: Map of the world, globe, wall map of Africa, small maps of Africa to laminate, wipe off markers, map of the continents

Activity: Present map of Africa. What do you notice about Africa? Is Africa a country or do you notice countries within Africa? What do you call the biggest pieces of land on earth?

Geography Race: The goal of this race is to finish. Divide the class into groups of 4. Each student should have a map of the continents, map of Africa, access to the wall map of Africa and globe. Each group is given a color or animal to represent their group. On the board draw a racecourse with 9 stations. As each group successfully answers the questions below move their character/color along the racecourse. Continue until all the groups have completed the race.

1. Look at the map of the continents. How many continents are there?
2. Look at the map of the world. Find the US and circle it.
What continent is the US a part of?
3. Find Africa on the map. List three countries that you see in Africa.
4. Find Uganda on the map. Locate one body of water.
5. Find one country that is larger than Uganda. Find one country that is smaller than Uganda.
6. Is Uganda surrounded by water or land?
7. What river starts in Uganda? Where does the river end?
8. What is the capital of Uganda?
9. What part of the country are the mountains in? Are they along the boarder or in the middle of the country?

Assessment:

- What have you learned during this lesson?