

# WORLD ALMANAC FOR KIDS

## Brief Description

In this lesson the students will learn about the World Almanac, what types of information it includes, how it is organized, and how to find information which answers questions on various topics.

## Students will understand that:

- The WORLD ALMANAC is a book of **current** facts and statistics.
- The WORLD ALMANAC is published annually (meaning once a year).
- The WORLD ALMANAC is a reference material used to quickly find brief facts and statistics.
- The WORLD ALMANAC using lists, tables, and graphs to give information.

## Skills:

- Students will use the table of contents or index of the WORLD ALMANAC FOR KIDS to find what page/s they can find information they are seeking.
- Students will use scanning or skimming reading skills to locate information they need, then read for content.
- Students will work on teams to find answers to questions by locating information in the Almanac.

## LESSON 1:

Almanac Overview on the Smart Board - TOC, organization, pages from several sections. Ask and answer questions using pages scanned.

## LESSON 2:

Students will work in groups of three. Each group will receive several pages from different sections of the Almanac. Each group will write down answers to questions noting section and page number used to answer the question.

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### **FACES and PLACES: pp. 13 & 16**

- Who was the adult lead actor in "School of Rock" P. 13
- Who was named NBA Rookie of the Year? P. 16

### **ANIMALS: pp. 26 & 29**

- The Animal Kingdom is divided into two large groups. What are these two groups and which animals are included in each group? P. 29
- What is the world's largest animal? P. 26
- What is the world's fastest land animal? P. 26

**ART: pp. 36 & 39**

- Who painted a work of art called “The Starry Night”? Where is that painting today? P. 36
- On a Color Wheel, what are the Primary colors? P. 39

**BIRTHDAYS: pp. 40 & 42**

- Whose birthday is on February 17? P. 40
- Whose birthday is on August 5? P. 42

**BOOKS: pp. 44 & 45**

- What is the last name of the children in the Lemony Snicket series? P. 44
- What book won the Caldecott Medal. P. 45
- What is the title of the Best New Book of the Year about soup? P. 45

**BUILDINGS: pp. 49 & 50**

- Name the six tallest buildings in the world and the year they were completed. P. 49
- Name a building in India which is actually a huge tomb. P. 50

**CAMPS: pp. 52 & 53**

- What are four kinds of camps? P. 52
- What are the ingredients for S’mores? P. 53

**COMPUTERS: pp. 56 & 57**

- Name a device worn on the underside of your wrist which senses hand movements. P. 56
- When you are searching on the internet, how do you search for an exact phrase? P. 57

**DINOSAURS: pp. 59 & 60**

- Scientists who use fossils to study the past are called \_\_\_\_\_ ? P. 59
- Name of Period in which the Archaeopteryx was born. P. 60

**ENERGY: pp. 63 & 64**

- All of our energy traces its source to this. P. 63
- How is nuclear power created? P. 64

**ENVIRONMENT: pp. 68 & 69**

- Which trees lose their leaves in the fall and grow new ones in the spring? P. 68
- Areas that are too dry to have green forests, but not dry enough to have deserts. P. 69

**GAMES & TOYS: pp.**

- How many faces does a die have? P. 80
- How many cards does each player have in the card game, Spit? P. 81

**GEOGRAPHY: pp. 82, 83 & 84**

- Name the three biggest lakes. P. 82
- Name the 7 continents. P. 83
- **BONUS:** Name one of the continents which has land located on the equator. P. 84

**HEALTH: pp. 90 & 91**

- On the food pyramid, what foods should you eat in the smallest amounts. P. 90
- What is a calorie? P. 91

**HOLIDAYS: pp.**

**HOMEWORK HELP: pp.**

**INVENTIONS: pp.**

**LANGUAGE: pp.**

**MILITARY: pp.**

**MONEY (pp. 118 & 120)**

- Name five objects that have been used as money. P. 118
- Whose portrait is on the \$50 bill? P. 120

**MOVIES & TV: pp.**

**MUSEUMS: pp.**

**MUSIC & DANCE: pp.**

**MYTHOLOGY: pp.**

**NATIONS: pp.**

**NATIVE AMERICANS: pp.**

**NUMBERS: pp.**

**POPULATION: pp.**

**PRIZES AND CONTESTS: pp.**

**RELIGION: pp.**

**SCIENCE: pp.**

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**TRANSPORTATION: pp.**

**TRAVEL: pp.**

**UNITED STATES: pp.**

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**WORLD HISTORY: pp.**