

Connecticut

Alliance Created State Giant Traveling Map Lesson

Title: *Scavenger Hunt*

Recommended Grades: 2-4

Time Needed: 1 lesson

Objectives:

Students will:

- Find physical and political features on the map

Materials:

- Giant CT Map
- [Scavenger hunt page](#) for each group (preferably in color, can be laminated for reuse and used with dry erase)
- Colored sticky notes for each group

Rules:

- Shoes are not allowed on the map. Please have students remove shoes before walking on the map.
- No writing utensils on the map.
- No running on the map

Directions:

1. Split students into 4 groups, give each group a scavenger hunt copy (in color is helpful) and a coordinating sticky note color
2. Tell students that they will be given an amount of time to find as many of the items on the scavenger hunt page as possible. Warn them that not all items are included on the map, because not all items appear in Connecticut. Remind them that the designated writer must use the clipboard off of the map so that no writing utensils are on the map, and that 'runners' who are waiting their turn need to be seated on their base camp dot.
3. Help and encourage students to find items, providing guidance where necessary.
4. Have all teams return to their base camps and have a reflective conversation about what items were easy to find, what was tricky, what didn't appear in Connecticut, and why.

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Tips:

- Mountains are harder to see, they don't show up as well because we don't have a lot of very tall mountains in our state!

Vocabulary:

(All on [scavenger hunt page](#))