

Subject: TAG

Grade: 5th

Note: TAG instruction occurs one day a week for each student. These plans are meant to replace the time that would be spent on core learning activities (reading, ELA/writing, math social studies/science) for that one day each week. Students should still complete activities for specials classes (art, music, PE) on their TAG day.

Week 4

Standards (include both TAG standards and grade level standards addressed)	SS5G1 Locate important places in the United States TAG Standards: <u>Advanced Communication Skills Standard:</u> 1. The student uses written, spoken, and technological media to convey new learning or challenge existing ideas. <u>Creative Thinking & Problem Solving Skills Standard:</u> 3. The student incorporates brainstorming and other idea-generating techniques (synectics, SCAMPER, etc.) to solve problems or create new products. 4. The student demonstrates skills in fluency and flexibility to solve problems or create new products. 5. The student develops original ideas, presentations, or products through synthesis and evaluation. <u>Higher Order Critical Thinking Skills Standard:</u> 2. The student responds to questions with supporting information that reflects in-depth knowledge of a topic.
Brief Description	Students will explore islands around the United States to complete a Six Thinking Hats activity.

Student Directions:

1. Complete the brain teaser
2. Read about Islands and then read about some of the islands located in the United States.

3. Complete the Six Thinking Hats Activity by answering each question based on the hat's color.
4. Green and Blue hats: use the templates for each hat.
5. Complete "Headlines"

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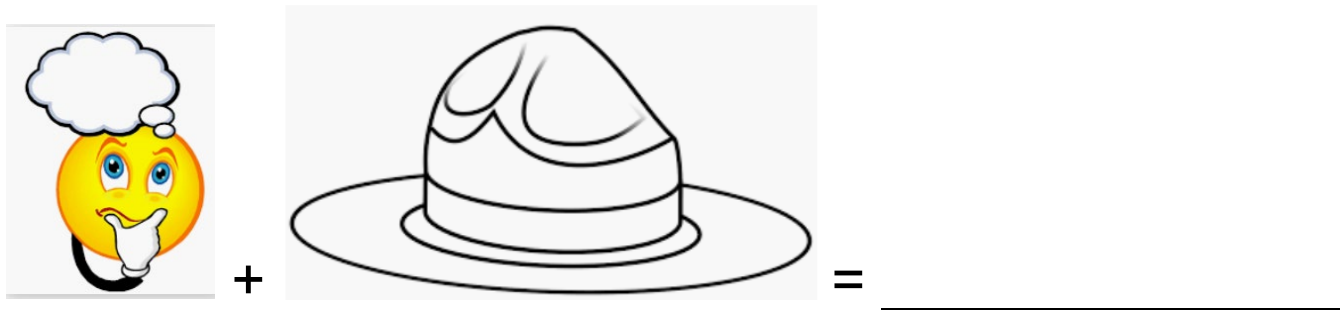
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Brain Teaser:

Solve:



United States Islands of Wonder

An island is a body of land surrounded by water. Continents are also surrounded by water, but because they are so big, they are not considered islands. Australia, the smallest continent, is more than three times the size of Greenland, the largest island.

There are countless islands in the ocean, lakes, and rivers around the world. They vary greatly in size, climate, and the kinds of organisms that inhabit them.

Many islands are quite small, covering less than half a hectare (one acre). These tiny islands are often called islets. Islands in rivers are sometimes called aits or eyots. Other islands are huge. Greenland, for example, covers an area of about 2,166,000 square kilometers (836,000 square miles).

Some islands, such as the Aleutian Islands in the U.S. state of Alaska, are cold and ice-covered all year. Others, such as Tahiti, lie in warm, tropical waters. Many islands, such as Easter Island in the South Pacific Ocean, are thousands of kilometers from the nearest mainland. Other islands, such as the Greek islands known as the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea, are found in closely spaced groups called archipelagoes.

Many islands are little more than barren rock with few plants or animals on them. Others are among the most crowded places on Earth. Tokyo, one of the world's largest cities, is on the island of Honshu in Japan. On another island, Manhattan, rise the towering skyscrapers of the financial capital of the world, New York City.

For centuries, islands have been stopping places for ships. Because of isolation, many islands have also been home to some of the world's most unusual and fascinating wildlife.

The United States boasts some pretty spectacular islands, from South Carolina's Kiawah Island to the Florida Keys and Sanibel Island in Florida. These islands offer an array of outdoor activities, such as hiking, surfing, and boating, as well as plentiful dining establishments and unique shops.

Read about each island which are located in the United States to assist you with your Six Thinking Hats Activity.

Amelia Island (Florida)

Amelia Island can be found along the coast of northeastern Florida. While the island is easily accessible, it is also nearly unforgettable. With its 13 miles of pristine beaches, clear waters, and abundant native animals, the barrier island has been a popular place to relax and have fun for both residents and visitors for quite some time. Local restaurants offer dishes made with fresh produce and seafood, ranging from casual outdoor cafés to bistros to fine dining. Visitors can cruise the waters and watch the sunset, cast a fishing line, paddleboard on the ocean waters, or kayak through marshes.

Assateague Island (Off coast of Virginia and Maryland)

Assateague Island is a 37-mile-long barrier island, along with its surrounding waters and adjacent marsh islands, just off the coast of Virginia and Maryland. The island is made up of three different public areas: Assateague State Park, the Assateague Island National Seashore, and the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The Assateague National Seashore offers plenty of opportunities for recreational fun and exploration of the dynamic island, including swimming, fishing, hiking, and camping. The visitors center offers activities as well as various programs led by park rangers.

Catalina Island (California)

Catalina Island is a haven for those who want to leave the chaos of their busy lives behind them for a bit and escape to a slower pace to life. The island has a storied and rich history; here, movies have been made, soldiers have lived, and hospitality abounds. The southernmost island of California's Channel Islands, Catalina is 22 miles from Los Angeles and consists of the towns of Two Harbors at the western end and Avalon at the

eastern end. Outside these two towns, Catalina Island is filled with majestic beauty and rugged wilderness.

Fire Island (New York)

Fire Island provides the ultimate island getaway, offering pristine beaches with no pretension at all. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Great South Bay, Fire Island has long been a beloved destination for several generations of watersports enthusiasts, outdoor adventurers, and beach-goers. The island is car-free and, subsequently, is without the chaos cars bring, offering an entirely different world from the nearby metropolitan life of New York City with its hustle and bustle. A visit to the island transports vacationers to nature, offering many different activities, such as kayaking, swimming, biking, surfing, hiking, tennis, and beach volleyball.

Hatteras Island (North Carolina)

Hatteras Island gives visitors to the island an opportunity to take getting away from it all to another level. At its heart lies the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Stretching almost half the length of the entirety of the Outer Banks, Hatteras Island offers seemingly endless natural beaches, sea oats, and sand dunes. Visitors are often surprised by the amount of undeveloped beach wilderness still remaining between the seven village communities on the island. Many mom-and-pop stores and coastal restaurants can be found throughout the island. Visitors can also enjoy activities like fishing from a sandy beach and taking paddleboarding or kiteboarding lessons.

Kiawah Island (South Carolina)

Kiawah Island located about 25 miles southwest of Charleston of the coast of South Carolina, is a haven of renowned hospitality and untouched beautiful nature for anyone seeking a luxurious and adventurous retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The island features sand dunes, perfectly preserved maritime forests, and marshes in which seabirds, white-tailed deer, and turtles abound. Approximately 10 miles of beautiful pristine beach on the island are divided into two different areas, known as the West Beach and the East Beach. Beachwalker County Park provides the only public access to the beach on the island.

Maui (Hawaii)

Also called the “Valley Isle,” the island of Maui is the Hawaiian island chain’s second largest island. Maui is well loved for its many beautiful beaches, which are famous throughout the world, along with its farm-to-table cuisine, views of humpback whales, the sacred Iao Valley, and the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets from Haleakala. Kahului, located in the heart of the island, is home to several interesting attractions, family-run eateries and shows, and Iao Valley State Park. Those who brave the Hana Highway in East Maui receive spectacular views of exotic beaches, stunning waterfalls, and lush rainforests as a reward.

Mount Desert Island (Maine)

Mount Desert Island is the second largest island along America’s eastern seaboard and the largest island located off the coast of Maine. The island is famous for Acadia National Park, which allows visitors to discover the state’s natural beauty. Along with the national park, Mount Desert Island also boasts a number of small towns, such as Bar Harbor, which was once a summer playground for the wealthy socialites of Boston and New York City. The town has now transformed into a summer destination for people from around the world.

Oahu (Hawaii)

The island of Oahu, sometimes also known as the “Gathering Place,” certainly lives up to its nickname. Oahu is the third largest island of the Hawaiian island chain, and the majority of the diverse population of Hawaii calls the island home. It is a fusion of western and eastern cultures that is rooted in the traditions and values of the native people of Hawaii. The basic contrast between the modern and the ancient is what makes discovering the island, from its laidback surfing towns to its bustling cities, so enjoyable for visitors. Oahu features many different recreational activities, eclectic restaurants, and more.

South Padre Island (Texas)

South Padre Island located off the coast of southern Texas, is a barrier island that features a resort town of the same name. The island is well known for its calm waters and sandy beaches and is considered by many to

be the best beach area in Texas. Those who visit Padre Island will find unique shops, boating, fishing, birdwatching, warm Gulf waters, and beautiful beaches. There is a variety of watersports available on the island, such as parasailing, which offers a bird's eye view of the island below.

Sanibel Island (Florida)

Sanibel Island is a very small island off the west coast of Florida, measuring just 5 miles at its widest point and 25 miles long. The island has an intriguing and rich history, abundant stretches of pristine beaches, plentiful fauna and flora, and quite a depth of culture. Sanibel Island also offers an array of diversions and activities away from the beach, such as nature tours, tennis, golfing, Segway and bicycle rentals, the cinema, and an old schoolhouse-style theater. Visitors will find plenty of unique shopping opportunities as well, along with galleries.

Sea Island (Georgia)

Sea Island has long been known as an excellent destination since people started vacationing here in the year 1928, and it appeals to anyone who appreciates heartfelt hospitality and gracious service. Situated off the coast of southeastern Georgia, the island consists of three championship golf courses, a tennis center, programs for children, a shooting school, a yacht club, a beach club, 5 miles of pristine private beach, and more. The island also boasts four different experiences that have been given five stars by Forbes: The Georgian Room restaurant, The Spa at Sea Island, The Lodge at Sea Island, and The Cloister at Sea Island.

South Bass Island (Ohio)

One of Lake Erie's most visited and most popular islands is South Bass Island. The major attraction of the island is perhaps the downtown Put-in-Bay, which certainly possesses the island way of life. Put-in-Bay features a central park, nightlife, hotels, and many restaurants and cafes, boasting a bit of a party atmosphere. Situated on the white cliffs of the island is South Bass Island State Park. This unique park encompasses 33 acres and offers a landmark view of the island when seen from the water. Visitors to the park are awarded amazing views as well as access to the lake.

San Juan Island (Washington State)

San Juan Island offers something new for visitors around every corner, such as a lavender farm, an alpaca ranch, and so much more. Visitors will also find a sweeping valley with sheep and cows, a deep forest leading to the sea, two iconic lighthouses, and possibly even orca whales off in the distance. The historic Friday Harbor is the hub of the island, and with a size of only 1 square mile, it's very walkable. Outdoor activities include hiking, kayaking, and whale watching. Lime Kiln Point Lighthouse, and Cattle Point Lighthouse are some of the main attractions.

Six Thinking Hats Activity: Answer the questions for each thinking hat, based on each hat's color.

White Thinking Hats (Facts)

1. Based on your reading of each United States Island, what are your top three islands that are of interest to you?

2. Which islands are at least 20 miles long?

3. Which island is located on "Put-In-Bay" and what state is the island located?

Yellow Hat Thinking (Benefits)

1. What would be your favorite thing about living on an island of your choice?

2. Why do you think islands are favorite a destination for vacations? What do you think people like about island destinations?

Black Hat Thinking (Issues or Problems)

1. What effects as far a hurricane may bring to life on an island?

2. What are some drawbacks to living on an island?

Red Hat Thinking (Feelings)

1. Would you like to always live on an island? Why or why not?

2. How would living on an island in a climate (weather of a place over a long period of time) that never changed make you feel?

Green Hat Thinking (Creativity) Choose One

1. Design your ideal home to live on an island (add various details)
2. Design a travel brochure persuading people to come on vacation based on one of the three islands you chose from the White Hat (Facts).
3. Create a poem for islands

Blue Hat Thinking (Summarizing)

Create a new island...Which ocean (Pacific or Atlantic; or even Gulf of Mexico) will this island be located on and why did you choose this place as the location? What will be the name of your island? Would animals (fauna) be on your island if so, which animal(s)? What kind of marine life will people be able to see while in the ocean? What type of food, entertainment, trees, and plants (flora) will be on your island? Are visitors allowed if so, what type of lodging will they have? What

will make your island a one-of-a kind island? Go wild and crazy with your new island!

Design Your Own Island Home

Create Your Own Travel Brochure

<u>Location</u>	<u>Interesting Facts</u>	<u>Come Visit:</u>
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Create a Poem about Islands



Create A New Island

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Name of Island _____

Island Picture

Which ocean (Pacific or Atlantic; or even Gulf of Mexico) will this island be located on and why did you choose this place as the location?

Would animals (fauna) be on your island if so, which animal(s)?

What kind of marine life will people be able to see while in the ocean?

What type of food, entertainment, trees, and plants (flora) will be on your island?

Are visitors allowed if so, what type of lodging will they have?

What will make your island a one-of-a kind island?

Ticket out the door:
HEADLINES

Write a headline for this topic or issue that summarizes and captures a key aspect that you feel is significant and important.



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