

Oregon



Agriculture in the
Classroom Foundation

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Summer Ag Institute Lesson Plans

Title of Lesson: Flat Stanley Travels Oregon's Farms

Academic Subject: Social studies/writing

Theme: Farms/agriculture

Grade Level Grade 4

CIM/CAM Standards:

1. Geography/5th grade/examine & prepare maps, charts, and other visual representations to locate places and interpret geographical information.
2. Geography/5th grade/identify physical & human characteristics of regions in the U.S. and the process that have shaped them.
3. Geography/5th grade/explain how physical environments are affected by human activities and present opportunities for people.
4. Writing/5th grade/convey clear main ideas and supporting details in ways appropriate to topic, audience, & purpose.
5. Writing/5th grade/write in a variety of modes and styles (letter writing).

Learner Objective: (The student will)

1. Write a clear and understandable letter in correct form.
2. Identify the different counties of Oregon on a map (choosing one to research through letter writing).
3. Identify major farm and agriculture products produced in that county by placing photos on the wall sized Oregon map.

Vocabulary:

1. Agriculture: cultivating soil, producing crops, raising livestock, and producing & packaging industrious goods, marketing & distribution of agricultural products.
2. Goods: articles of trade or commerce, especially agriculture products.
3. Crops: plants that can be grown for food or clothing.
4. Harvest: time of year when mature grain, fruit, or vegetables grow.
5. Counties: state land that is divided into smaller land portions.

Anticipatory Set:

Show different foods and ask where they come from? Can we find these in Oregon?

Instructional Outline (Teaching Content)

1. Read the children's literature book Flat Stanley to the class (a story about a boy who travels through mail).
2. Pass out Flat Stanley cut outs and have student's color.
3. Discuss using an overhead the proper format for writing a letter. Discuss main parts (closing, greeting, body, etc.).
4. Have students choose a county that interests them to write to.
5. Have students write a formal letter to a county via the Farm Bureau or Oregon State University (OSU) County Extension office requesting information about farms and agriculture for that area. Make sure each student explains Flat Stanley as a visiting student from our class.
6. Send letters to counties.
7. When information returns have students cut our photos of farm products to paste on a pre-made wall-sized map of Oregon.

Strategies (What to do, explain or have students do)

Try to have students decorate Stanley like a native from Polk County (discuss weather etc.).

Let students work in groups to write a sample letter (if time allows.)

Students may pair up with another student to write letters (make sure all 36 counties are taken).

8. Discuss why various products are produced in certain areas of Oregon (weather, soil, temp, etc.).

Resources:

1. Flat Stanley children's book
2. Letter format overhead with labels
3. Paper
4. Envelopes/stamps
5. Flat Stanley cutout/pattern
6. Large Oregon county map

Evaluation:

Have students label a blank map with agricultural symbols for the various areas where that product is produced.

Extensions:

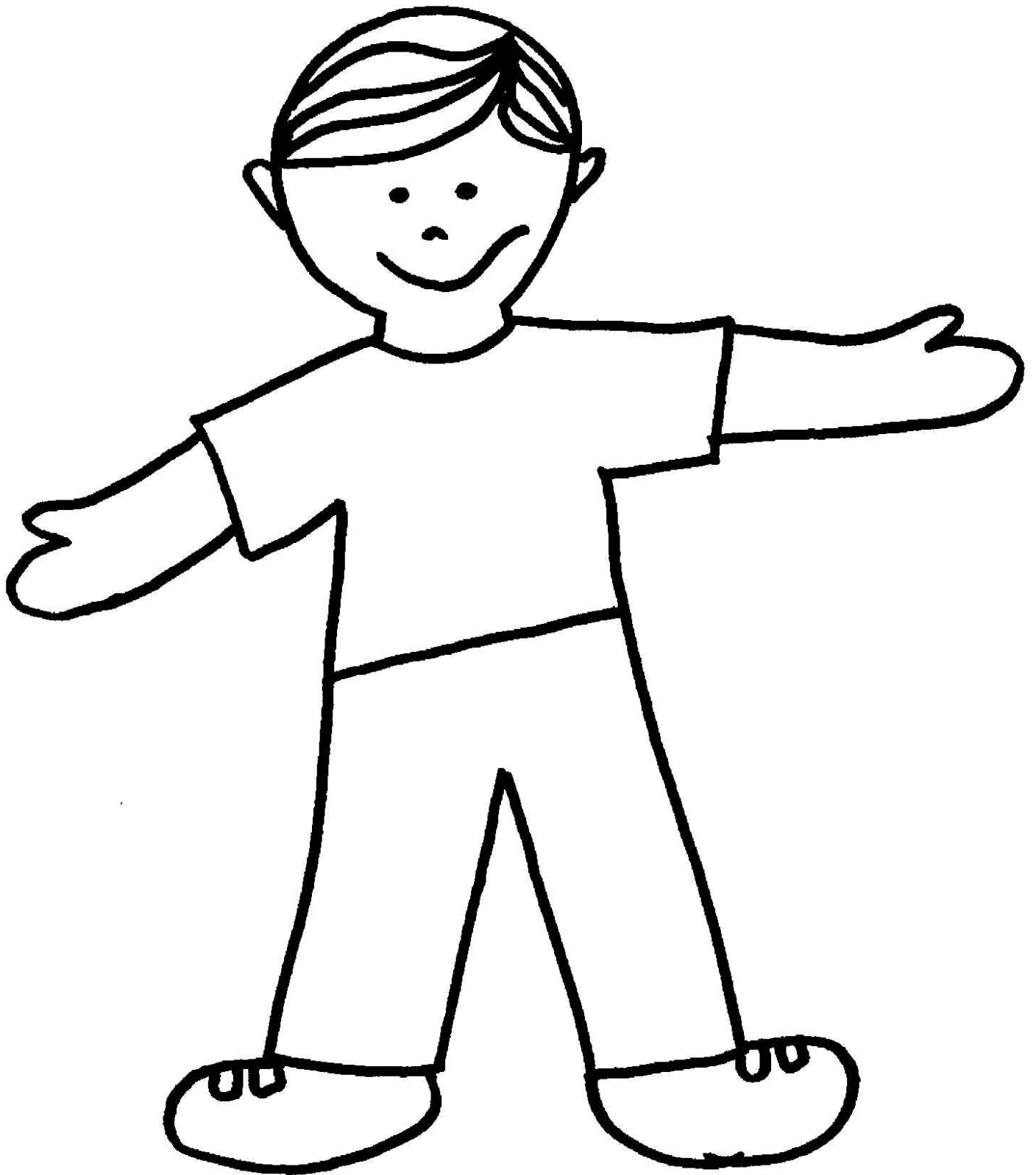
1. Have student create a map of Oregon with symbols for agricultural products using various art media's.
2. Have students bring in an agricultural product from their county to share with the class (example Hermiston, watermelon from Umatilla County).
3. Have students give a short speech on their research.
4. Have students write a make believe story of Flat Stanley's journey while on the farm in their county.

Flat Stanley Overview Information:

Flat Stanley is a children's' book that any grade level would love. The main character is a boy named Stanley. He is flattened by a bulletin board so he is as thin as paper. He loves to travel so his parents send him in the mail to save money. This is the main purpose we read Flat Stanley, so we can mail him across the world.

Students love to send Flat Stanley in the mail. The people who receive Flat Stanley love to write back and tell what Float Stanley did on his adventure.

Last year we sent Flat Stanley across Oregon and it was a huge success. I hope you enjoy!



OREGON FARM BUREAU

COUNTY OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS

• BAKER	(541) 523-2212 OR (541) 523-3202
• BENTON	(541) 753-5603
• CLACKAMAS	(503) 266-2236
• CLATSOP	(503) 325-7240
• COLUMBIA	(503) 728-2883
• COOS-CURRY	(541) 572-2948
• CROOK-WHEELER	(541) 447-6228
• DESCHUTES	(541) 923-6438
• DOUGLAS	(541) 672-9414
• GILLIAM	(541) 384-4161
• GRANT	(541) 934-2275
• HARNEY	(541) 493-2560
• HOOD RIVER	(541) 386-3334
• JACKSON	(541) 772-5371
• JEFFERSON	(541) 475-6776
• JOSEPHINE	(541) 592-2762
• KLAMATH	(541) 882-3921
• LAKE	(541) 947-5538
• LANE	(541) 344-4215
• LINCOLN	(541) 996-3842
• LINN	(541) 926-4883
• MALHEUR	(541) 889-6414
• MARION	(503) 399-6417
• MULTNOMAH	(503) 663-3305
• POLK	(503) 364-2511
• SHERMAN	(541) 442-5450
• TILLAMOOK	(503) 842-6036
• UMATILLA-MORROW	(541) 276-2732
• UNION	(541) 963-0810
• WALLOWA	(541) 426-4377
• WASCO	(541) 298-1730
• WASHINGTON	(503) 640-6116
• YAMHILL	(503) 472-2545

OSU Extension County Offices

• Baker County Extension	541/523-6418
• Benton County Extension	541/757-6750
• Clackamas County Extension	503/650-3125
• Clatsop County Extension	503/325-8573
• Columbia County Extension	503/397-3462
• Coos County Extension	541/396-3121x240
• Crook County Extension	541/447-6228
• Curry County Extension	541/247-6672
• Deschutes County Extension	541/548-6088
• Douglas County Extension	541/672-4461
• Gilliam County Extension	541/384-2271
• Grant County Extension	541/575-1911
• Harney County Extension	541/573-2506
• Hood River County Extension	541/386-3343
• Jackson County Extension	541/776-7371
• Jefferson County Extension	541/475-3808
• Jefferson County Extension - Warm Springs	541/553-3238
• Josephine County Extension	541/476-6613
• Klamath County Extension	541/883-7131
• Lake County Extension	541/947-6054
• Lane County Extension	541/682-4243
• Lincoln County Extension	541/574-6534
• Linn County Extension	541/967-3871
• Malheur County Extension	541/881-1417
• Marion County Extension	503/588-5301
• Morrow County Extension	541/676-9642
• Multnomah County Extension	503/725-2000
• Polk County Extension	503/623-8395
• Sherman County Extension	541/565-3230
• Tillamook County Extension	503/842-3433
• Umatilla County Extension	541/278-5403
• Union County Extension	541/963-1010
• Wallowa County Extension	541/426-3143
• Wasco County Extension	541/296-5494
• Washington County Extension	503/725-2300
• Wheeler County Extension	541/763-4115
• Yamhill County Extension	503/434-7517