



Texas Connection

Activity #15

A Few of My Favorite Things

Teaching students how to think, not what to think, about the environment.

Links

Texas State Historical Association
The Texas Almanac
<http://bit.ly/2bxdz8Z>

Texas Department of Agriculture
Texas Ag Stats
<http://bit.ly/1nctGZQ>

US Energy Information Administration
Interactive Map
<http://bit.ly/1CrITgO>

Texas State Historical Association
Mineral Resources and Mining
<http://bit.ly/2bMSki8>

Water Data for Texas Reservoirs
<http://bit.ly/RxCqdD>

Texas A&M Forest Service
Forest Ecosystem Values
<http://bit.ly/2cmMlmz>

Students will gain a better appreciation for how many natural resources they depend on that come from Texas.

Students will research eco-regions of Texas to discover where these resources are commonly found in abundance or provided commercially and what products/services they provide for consumers.

- Trees/Plants—Wood products, clothing, fruits, vegetables
- Coal—Electricity
- Water—Hydroelectric energy, drinking, cleaning, industry
- Oil—Electricity, fuel for transportation, plastics
- Natural Gas—Electricity, heating
- Rocks/Minerals—Coins, wire, steel, aluminum, jewelry, construction
- Sunlight—Solar power, photosynthesis
- Air/Wind—Wind energy
- Animals—Beef, poultry, shrimp, pork, leather, silk, wool

Students can create a map or presentation indicating locations where these resources are part of the economy of Texas.