Texas Connection

Activity #15

A Few of My Favorite Things

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

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.

Links

Texas State Historical Association
The Texas Almanac

Texas Department of Agriculture
Texas Ag Stats
http://bit.ly/1ncTGQ

US Energy Information Administration
Interactive Map
http://bit.ly/1CrlTgO

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

Water Data for Texas Reservoirs

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

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