

Scandinavian Diamante

Grade Level	6
Subject	Social Studies and Technology
Curriculum Objective	Goal 11 The learner will recognize the common characteristics of different cultures in South America and Europe.
Guiding Question	What are some of the characteristics of Scandinavian Europe.
Lesson Summary	Students will research a country in Scandinavian Europe. Students will then write a diamante poem about their country.
Activating Strategy	Students will have already read briefly about some of the cultural characteristics in the Northern Scandinavian area of Europe. They will get in groups of 3. One person from each group will get a sheet of paper out and write the following question: What do you remember so far about Scandinavia Europe? That student will begin by writing what they know. Then it is passed to the next student. Each student will have 1 minute to write the facts or what they already know about this area of Europe. Then each group will choose 1 fact to share.
Cognitive Strategy	Students will now go to the computer lab. Each student will select a country between Finland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. They will research the Scandinavia country they have chosen using the websites listed in the resources. After students have done their research and written down about 10-15 facts, they will go online and write a diamante poem about their country. Students will create a diamante poem using their facts about their country. Students will print out their diamante poem.
Summarizing Strategy	Students will read their diamante poem to the class. The audience will write one fact about each country on their own separate sheet of paper.
Evaluation	Check their diamante poem to be sure they have information about their country in the poem. Also check that each student wrote facts while the others were presenting their poem.

Resources	https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html http://myeurope.eun.org/ww/en/pub/myeurope/home.htm , http://www.finland.fi/ , http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/wes/webquests_themes/countries_webquest/countries_links/denmark_sites.html http://www.cdli.ca/CITE/norway.htm , http://www.worldatlas.com/ , http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/wes/webquests_themes/countries_webquest/countries_resources.html diamante website: http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/diamante/
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