

# ***World of Wonder***

## **Educational Standards and Suggested Activities**

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### **Standards**

- **Current Events:** Students will research and summarize a current news event from Arkansas.
- **Geography:** Students will make a relief map.
- **Social Studies:** Students will discuss the meaning and relevance of the Arkansas motto.

### **Activities**

1. **Use the News:** What news is reported in Arkansas? Does it sound similar to the news in your own state? Use your newspaper or the Internet to search for current news about Arkansas. Write a brief summary of one news story you find.
2. **What is the terrain like in Arkansas? Where are the mountains? Where are the rivers?** A 3-D relief map will help you visualize where the geographic features are located. Flour, salt and water can be used to make a dough to sculpt your own map. Here's a website that gives some ideas about how to make a 3-D map:  
[www.squidoo.com/salt-dough-maps](http://www.squidoo.com/salt-dough-maps).
3. **The Arkansas motto is, "The people rule." What does this mean? Why do you think state leaders chose this motto? Who else would rule? Have a group or class discussion about the meaning of this motto.**

*World of Wonder* meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.