

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will write a travel article about Portugal
- Social Studies: Students will report on one aspect of Portugal's culture
- Social Studies: Students will report on one of Portugal's famous explorers.

Activities

1. Use the News: Portugal is a popular tourist destination. Do some research and write a brief travel-type news article describing how to get there and some interesting places to visit. What sights is Portugal famous for? What events would be interesting to see? Which cities do most tourists go to? Why?
2. Being one of the oldest nations in the world, Portugal is famous for its culture, including food, music, wine, dance and traditional clothes. Choose one of these cultural examples to research and present. Food could be shared, music samples and dance videos could be viewed, and posters or PowerPoint shows could be displayed.
3. There have been several famous explorers from Portugal. Who were they and where did they go? Create maps showing their exploration routes. Also, write short descriptions of why they became famous.

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.