

Expedition Title: Truckee, yesterday to today.

Grade level: 2nd/3rd

Learning Expedition Summary:

Students will take a close look at their own family history in Truckee (2nd grade), local senior citizens history (3rd grade), the history of the Donner Family and their impact in Truckee, and a closer look at the Native American Tribes to this area, the Washoe and Paiute.

Guiding Questions:

How did Truckee become Truckee? How was the founding of Truckee influenced by early settlers?

Case Studies:

1. **Case study title:** Who are We? (Truckee today)

Big Ideas/ Broader Concepts: Family History in Truckee

Specific content students will study: Students will trace their family history using primary and secondary sources using artifacts, photographs, interviews and documents. (2nd grade)

Students will trace the family history of local senior citizens in Truckee using primary and secondary sources using artifacts, photographs, interviews and documents. (3rd grade)

Long Term Learning Target: I can write a short story describing events in history that led a family to live in Truckee.

Project: Living History of Truckee - Anthology

Students will interview and research their own family history to find out the events that led their own families to the Truckee area. This project will include a written story of their family's journey. (2nd grade)

Students will interview senior citizens in the community to find out the events that led them to the Truckee area. This project will include a written story about a senior citizens journey to Truckee. (3rd grade)

2. **Case study title:** Donner Party (Truckee yesterday)

Big Ideas/ Broader Concepts: Local Historical Events in Truckee

Specific content students will study: Students will sequence local events and describe how each period of settlement left its mark on the land.

Long Term Learning Target: I can describe the events of the Donner Party and how these events left their mark on Truckee.

Project: Truckee Times (articles):

Students will write time period articles that will depict events in Truckee's past and present.

3. **Case study title: Washoe and Paiute Tribes (Truckee's first residents)**

Big Ideas/ Broader Concepts: American Indian nations in Truckee

Specific content students will study: Students will describe the American Indian nations in the local region long ago and in the recent past.

Long Term Learning Target: I can create and perform a Reader's Theater script describing local Native American folklore in Truckee.

Project: Native American Traditions-Reader's Theater.

Students will create and perform local Native American Folklore.