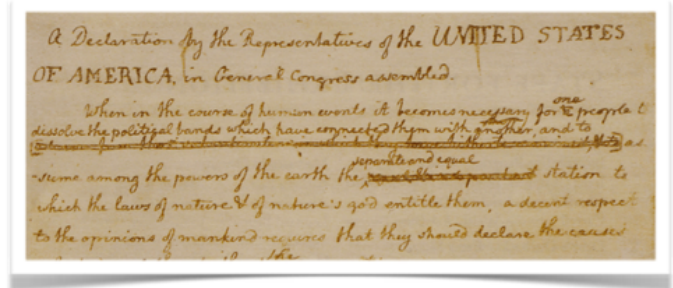


SPOTLIGHT ON STRATEGIES

A variety of simple instructional strategies that incorporate the use of digital media in meaningful, effective and practical ways.

2-1-4



BACKGROUND

My very creative friend and colleague, Lance Rougeux started a project last year with his wife's class. When he travels, he gathers information about the location and the students use the clues to figure out where in the world Mr. Rougeux went. He provides 2 facts, 1 clue, and 4 pictures (2-1-4) for the students.

Hearing this idea, I thought of how many times I began a class period by saying, "Today we're going to be studying _____." With this idea in the back of my mind, I began to wonder how we can use this strategy to hook students and help them begin connecting important pieces of a unit together.

EXAMPLE

Name this historical event.

- 2 Facts:**
- 1) Event Started in 1775
 - 2) George Washington attended.
- 1 Clue:**
- 1) Battle between America and Britain over independence.
- 4 Pictures:**
- 1) [Surrender at Saratoga \(CDN Subscriber\)](#)
 - 2) [Map of British Plan \(CDN Subscriber\)](#)
 - 3) [Boston Tea Party \(CDN Subscriber\)](#)
 - 4) [Declaration of Independence \(CDN Subscriber\)](#)

CHALLENGE

Pick a topic you are studying this week. Introduce the concept by presenting a 2-1-4. Remember you can also use audio files and videos (even [silent ones \(CDN Subscriber\)](#)), as part of your facts or clues.

BONUS

Have students create their own 2-1-4 of their dream vacations, favorite subjects, or topics of interest. What a great way to learn more about what motivates your students.