

Geography Drive USA - \$2.99

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Grade: 4-6

Subject: Social Studies

CCLS: 6.RIT.7: Integrate information presented in different media or formats

(e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding

RH.6-8.7: Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

Geography: Use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of the geography of the interdependent world in which we live - local, national, and global, including the distribution of people, places, and environments over the Earth's surface.

Website:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/britannica-kids-ancient-egypt/id388306550?mt=8>

Description of application: Students select a player and then drive across the United States. They have to be sure they don't run out of gas. If they do, the game is over. As they go through each state, they must answer questions to unlock the state pass. This pass provides access to important sites in the state. Players must keep track of a variety of things as they travel the country such as the amount of money they have, the location of important places, how much fuel they have and more. The goal is to visit as many states as possible before running out of gas.

Once players enter a state, they are given a series of multiple choice questions. In order to clear the state, you must answer all three questions correctly. When questions are answered correctly, they receive money and a state pass. The state pass allows a player to travel to another state or fuel up. When a player goes to a fuel station, they must answer questions correctly to receive gas.

Students may also visit the "Visitor's Center" where they can select a state and learn about it. They can also learn about other things like time zones, geographic regions, famous routes, major cities, geographic features, the Great Lakes, and other bodies of water. There are also mini-games, which include ways to learn about the state flags, state capitals, state shapes and the correct spelling of all 50 states. There's also a fun section called My Garage, where players can buy a new car or paint their current car.

Incorporation: Fifth grade students are required to do research on states. Each student is expected to complete a research project on one state. At the beginning of the research process, students could be put into small groups to learn some basic information about the states. Using the app could help them decide on which state they would like to learn more about.

This app could also be used after a unit of study and a research project on the states. After the research is done, students can use this app to review the information they learned about their state as well as learn about the other states. It could also be used in preparation for a test on the states.

I really like this app and I think students will too. It will motivate them to learn about the states while having fun!