

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will report on the consequences of thinning sea ice in Hudson Bay.
- Social Studies: Students will report on the importance of a northwest passage.
- Social Studies: Students will report on the Hudson's Bay Company.

Activities

1. Use the News: What has been happening to the sea ice in Hudson Bay? How are changes affecting polar bears and other animals? Research and write a news article about this ecological situation. Give your opinion about what should be done if you want to make this an editorial instead of a "hard news" article.
2. Why was Henry Hudson searching for a northwest passage to the Orient? (And what is the Orient?) What route did sailors usually take to get there? Research and write a summary of your findings.
3. What happened to the Hudson's Bay Company? Does it still exist? Why did it affect Canadian history so much? Research and report on this influential company.

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.