Mapping: Third Grade Project Jean Elizabeth Goodrich Digital Scrapbook

Amount of Time Needed

One fifty-minute class period.

Material Needed

Computers with internet access, a projector connected to a computer, screen for the projector, pens, and notebook paper.

Objectives

- 1. Interpret the past within its own historical context rather than in terms of present-day norms and values.
- 2. Distinguish historical fact from opinion.

Procedure

- 1. Each student should be asked to bring or be ready to discuss an object they would place in a scrapbook to the next class meeting. It should be an object the individual student would feel comfortable sharing with the class.
- 2. The instructor should give a brief demonstration of the digital scrapbook, and show how to flip through and search the scrapbook.
- 3. The students should divide into smaller groups.
- 4. Each group should use a computer with internet access to explore the scrapbook.
- 5. While exploring the scrapbook the students should record their group's answers to the Scrapbook discussion questions below.
- 6. The class should meet back together and discuss answers to the questions.
- Students should then introduce their objects and use the object discussion questions below to discuss the
 objects.

Scrapbook Discussion Questions

- 1. Why did Bettie create this scrapbook?
- 2. Did you find anything unexpected in the scrapbook? Why was it unexpected?
- 3. What three things does the scrapbook tell us about Bettie's interests and/or values?
- 4. What stereotypes do you see in the scrapbook?
- 5. What was happening in the world and the United States in 1933-1937?
- 6. What items in the scrapbook reflect what was going on in the nation and/or world in the 1930's?
- 7. What items would you expect to find in the scrapbook that are not there?
- 8. What items do you think Bettie's classmates would have put in a scrapbook?
- 9. How has the scrapbook affected your opinion of the 1930's?
- 10. What questions does the scrapbook raise?
- 11. What primary sources would you use to answer some of these questions?
- 12. What secondary sources would you use to answer some of these questions?

Object Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the significance of the object?
- 2. What does the item say about the larger world back then?
- 3. How do you think students fifty years ago would have viewed the object?
- 4. How do you think students in fifty years will view the object?