

Geography Research Project

First year

Why not carry out a research project on volcanoes with your first year geography class. The results could be used as part of their Midterm, Christmas or Summer exam.

1. Firstly ask students to pick one named volcano. This can be done individually, or in pairs.
2. Next they are to write a profile page for their named volcano. To do this they can research information about it through the three main search engines Google, Bing or Yahoo. If students do not have access to an enabled device in your school this could be set as a homework activity.
3. Here are some questions the students could ask:
 - Where it is located?
 - When did it last erupt?
 - Is it dormant, active or extinct?
4. In the profile they create they will need to include a creative commons image (an image that is free for them to use).
5. They must also include a map of the country where the volcano is located. They must mark on the map to show its exact location.
6. When all this information is collated the students can prepare a short 3 minute presentation for the class on their selected volcano.

