

Mind Your Maps Now and Then!

Objective: The student will recognize the various land area changes of a specific state from the 1800's to that of today.

Group Size: individual

Materials: posterboard - 2
paints, markers, or crayons
atlas of American history
current atlas

Activity:

1. Pick a state of your choice (from the West).
2. Draw a detailed map of your area as it would appear in the 1800's. (Make sure you include a key and any important land marks.) (Do your personal best to make your map appear as professional looking as possible.)
3. Now study your state as it appears today in a current atlas.
4. On a separate piece of poster board, draw a current detailed map of your same state.
5. Carefully study the two maps representing your state during the two different time periods.
6. On an index card, make a list of at least five ways in which the state has remained the same and five ways in which your state has changed. Remember to look at changes in population as well.