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Subject Social Studies/ grade level: 4

Materials: access to the internet, Alice starter world, maps of the state, books articles and media about N.C.

NC SCOS Essential Standards and Clarifying Objectives
Social Studies 4.G.1 Understand the earth’s patterns by using the 5 themes of geography: (location, place, human-environment interaction, movement and regions).

Lesson objective(s):
Students will identify the three regions of North Carolina, research information about a region, and present their region either orally and/or visually using a modified starter world.

Differentiation strategies to meet diverse learner needs: Use differentiated rubrics to evaluate final student project. Provide extra time for students that need it.

ENGAGEMENT
- The lesson will begin with a screening of the Alice starter world.
- After watching students should decide which region of the state they want to learn more about?

EXPLORATION
- Students will be working in small groups to find answers to a core set of questions about the state.
- What is the topography of the region? What do you know about the watershed in your region? What natural resources are available in the region?
- What are the major population centers? Where are they located? What are the major economic activities in the region? How has the landscape changed over time?

EXPLANATION
- Why do people choose to settle where they do? What is important to survival in a given region? What materials is housing constructed from? What are the environmental challenges of living in a given region e.g. landslides, fires, flooding?
- What connection can you make between a population center and the geography of that region? How have the economies of your region changed over time?

ELABORATION
- Student research into the different areas suggested by the guiding questions will deepen their understanding.
- Vocabulary describing landforms and natural resources will be introduced.
- Students will understand how human activity is determined by geography.

EVALUATION
- Students will present their learning using Alice a presentation format new to them.