

Desert Webquest

<http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=457523>

Instructions: Google Track Star, once on the site put in this track number (457523). This site contains all the web pages you need to learn about major deserts throughout the world.

1. Pull the map from this website and put it into notability. From there locate the following deserts, and mark them on the map.

Great Basin, Mohave, Sonoran, Atacama, Gobi, Sahara, Victoria, Arabian

2. Read the following info on the Great Basin and answer these questions.

2a. Is it always hot in the desert? Give a quick description of each of the seasons.

3. Read the following info on the Sonoran and then list three important facts.

- a.
- b.
- c.

4. How does the Mojave desert relate to the Great Basin, and Sonoran?

5. What is the difference between a "hot" desert, and a "cold" desert?
What is the debate around the classification of the Mojave desert?

6. Watch the video on the Sonoran desert. What interesting facts do you take away from watching this video?

7. What is the name of your desert person? What are two interesting facts about them?

8. Scroll down the page and read "Does anything live there?" and "What causes deserts?" then answer the following questions.

8a. What is a rain shadow?

8b. How do mountains impact desert development?

8c. How can these process impact rivers?

9. List the two rivers located in this desert. How hot can it get, and how cold?

10. Watch the video and note how animals and humans adapt to the desert. Give examples.

11. Pick one favorite animal (why do you love them?), and then two interesting cultural facts about the Gobi desert.

12. Scroll down to the bottom of this document and pick two of your favorite desert management issues (Read the section titled "Key management issues"). What do you find interesting about these issues?

13. Read "Phantom Water". Once done, pick your favorite desert. Be sure to explain why in great detail.

