

Unit 10 The Alps

1. Whole class instruction

Objective: To study a mountainous area outside the UK which can be compared to one chosen from within the UK.



1.1. Multimedia>>In depth >>mountains

“Do you know any other mountains in the world?...”

- ▶ Go to the in depth mountain and choose each one in turn and listen to the description.
- ▶ What do you think the differences were between the mountains we have seen, or were they all the same?
- ▶ Now we can see that they are different, let's look at one in more detail. We shall visit the Alps.

This section Mountains of the world has details of all the world's mountains and a short voice-over description of each one. It also contains lists of world mountains by height and continent.

1.2. Multimedia>> Section 6 case studies

“Let's compare our own mountains with the Alps. We can do this best by seeing lots of videos.”

- ▶ Choose a selection of the case studies, play the videos and help children understand what is going on.
- ▶ Discuss with children what is different, and why it might be different.
- ▶ Discuss the idea that mountains cause people to live in special ways.

1.3. Text book pages 38-39

“Let's think about how we might live in the Alps.”

- ▶ This spread draws on data from the Alps, but note that we are showing traditional ways of living.
- ▶ Discuss how living in the Alps might be different from living in the Lake District/Scottish Highlands/Welsh mountains.

2b. Literacy activity

Go to Literacy>>Mountain>>Unit 5 Defoe

- ▶ Discuss how attitudes to mountains such as the Lake District can change with generations. Defoe's remarks may surprise many.

Go to Literacy>>Mountain>>Unit 8 Trekking

- ▶ Discuss how people use the mountains for tourism.

Go to Literacy>>Mountain>>Unit 9 Farming

- ▶ Discuss how farming is affected by mountains.

3. Plenary session

Get children to say what they think they have learned and present it perhaps on the whiteboard or in their own books. Make sure they know about 'mud goes with a flood'.

4. Further work/homework

Ask children to study another mountain region using the Creative Topics books as a variation on video presentations.



There are Creative Topics books on

Alps

Lake District

Welsh Mountains

Scottish Mountains

Andes

Rockies

so you can adapt this lesson plan to view other mountains. These books contain some spectacular pictures and so you may want to use them to show other parts of the world as well.