European Exploration and Settlement

Grade Level: Eighth grade

Essential Question:

 Summarize the history of European exploration and settlement in western Virginia.

What do we want them to know?

 Exploration

* Who were the explorers that contributed to the exploration of Western Virginia?
* What were the different areas of exploration?
* How did the various explorers contribute to the development of present West Virginia?

Settlement

* Where were the first European settlement areas in Western Virginia?
* Why did they settle in particular areas?
* Who were the early settlers in Western Virginia?
	+ Morgan Morgan, Scotts-Irish, Germans, Swiss (Helvetia), Religious and Ethnic groups, Indentured Servants.
* What were the obstacles faced by the early settlers coming into Western Virginia?
	+ Geographical issues in reaching Western Virginia.
	+ Struggles of settlers and settlements.

Teaching Strategies:

* + Speed-Dating Activity
	+ Character Representation
	+ Period Music
	+ Graphic Organizer from WV Encyclopedia.
		- <https://www.wvencyclopedia.org/assets/0002/4074/LessonplanExploration1.pdf>
	+ Broadcasting team that can interview characters.
	+ Creating a “Fake “book page for an explorer/settler.
	+ Primary sources from textbook, (pgs. 298-305 TE)
	+ Head Bandz game

Possible Resource/Activity

* + Field Trip to Heritage Farm and Museum.
		- Culture, early life
	+ Guest Speaker from Heritage Farm and Museum.

Resources:

* + WV Encyclopedia <www.wv.encyclopedia.org>
	+ Text Book
	+ WV Archives

Assessment:

* + Writing assignments
		- Journal, Essay, etc.