

Lucky Keywords

Suggested Ages: 4th-6th grade

Resources Required: *The Time Bridge Travelers* by Linda Ayers

Reference Sources such as encyclopedias or online reference tools: www.factmonster.com

Education Standards:

Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS)

Technology:

126.3 Apply appropriate electronic search strategies in the acquisition of information including keyword and Boolean search strategies

Social Studies:

5.1 B Understand the causes and effects of European colonization in the United States.

5.10 Understand the basic economic patterns of early societies in the United States

5.25, 6.21 Apply critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.

5.21 Understand the fundamental rights of American citizens guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

The Time Bridge Travelers is a combination of historical and science fiction. In order to make the setting and characters as realistic as possible, the author researched colonial America. The “Just the Facts” section in the back of the book contains facts from Linda Ayers’s research. Use those facts as a springboard to classroom research. Students will record their information on the “My Lucky Keywords” worksheet.

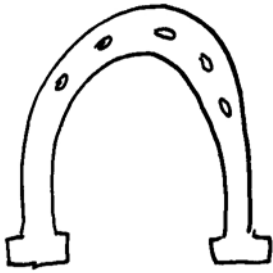
Have each student select one of the facts. Then have them decide which words in the fact are good keywords to use in order to find out more about the topic. They may choose to add keywords of their own not mentioned in the fact. Some keywords, such as “indentured servants” will be phrases rather than single words.

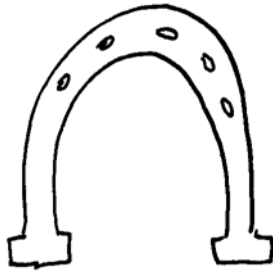
Students will write one keyword under each lucky horseshoe. They may use whatever resources the teacher or librarian has available. *In their own words*, they should write 4 brief facts of their own on the same topic as the fact they selected from *The Time Bridge Travelers*.

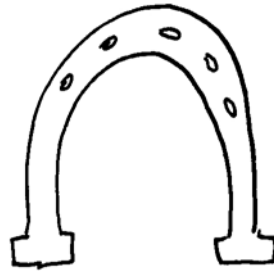
Students should cite their resources by attaching another piece of paper to the Lucky Keywords worksheet. By using a free online bibliography maker like the one at www.easybib.com, they can easily do this.

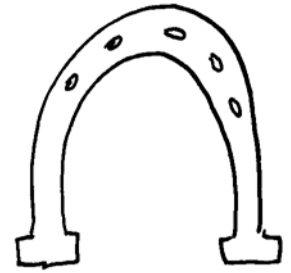
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My Lucky Keywords









Use the “Just the Facts” section on page 56 of *The Time Bridge Travelers* by Linda Ayers to start you on a search for your own facts. Choose 1 fact you want to know more about. Select keywords from that fact and write one keyword under each lucky horseshoe. Add your own keywords as needed. Some keywords may be a phrase, such as “indentured servant”.

List the facts you found about your topic in your own words. Sentences may be incomplete.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

List Resources Used for Research: You may wish to use the FREE online bibliography maker at www.easybib.com/. Attach another sheet of paper listing your resources used.