

Topics for a Digital Reflection about Nature

General Topic	Examples for a Narrowed Focus
Land Mammals	African lion, polar bear, giraffe, hippo
Ocean Animals	whale, seal, dolphin, shark
Bugs/Insects	butterfly, mosquito, ladybug, spider, ant
Birds	eagle, robin, sparrow, hawk, pelican
Landforms	mountain, ocean, river, waterfall, desert
Plants	trees or a single type of tree, a vegetable (carrot, broccoli), a fruit (apple, banana)
Flowers	rose, daisy, sunflower, tulip
Seasons	spring, summer, fall, winter
Space	sun, moon, stars, planets
Weather Events or Climate	hurricane, blizzard, heat wave, earthquake, clouds, rain, snow, sunshine

Topics for a Digital Reflection about American History

Digital Reflections that focus on historical events should be matched to the content of the literature or the historical period to maximize students' understanding and analysis of the events. The chart below provides examples of the narrow focus.

General Topic	Examples for a Narrowed Focus
Colonies and American Revolutionary Period	Writing the Declaration of Independence, The Consequences of the Boston Tea Party, The Significance of the Battles of Lexington or Concord
Exploration and Expansion	The Aftermath of The Trail of Tears, The Influence of the Seneca Falls Convention
Civil War Period	The Failure of the Missouri Compromise, The Lesson of the Battle of Bull Run I, Gettysburg as a Turning Point for America
Inventors	Appreciating the Genius or Contributions of Eli Whitney, Thomas A. Edison, Wright Brothers, etc
Famous Leaders	George Washington, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day-O'Connor