

EXPLORING THE WORLD

Lesson Plans

Day #2: (This lesson plan can be used with any of the podcasts on the deanjacobs.org website.)

Learning objectives:

- Students will learn note taking skills.
- Students will gain knowledge of _____
- Students will learn letter writing skills
- Students will learn how to navigate through a website.

Materials needed:

- Smart Board or projection screen for the **Dean Jacobs** website
- Chart with learning goals and ways to reach the goals
- Note taking organizer for students (*see Lesson #1*)
- Teacher edited letters to give back to students
- A computer for each student

1. Share the learning goals with students and how we will achieve these goals:

We will reach our goals by...

- watching a pod cast on _____ and taking notes.
- typing a letter to Dean Jacobs on the **deanjacobs.org** website. *add new ideas from today's notes*
- exploring the **deanjacobs.org** website.

2. Use the Smart Board to review how to get on the deanjacobs.org website

3. Show the podcast _____

- Students take notes using the Two Column Note taking sheet. (See lesson #1 for a description of note taking)

4. Show how to get on the blog and post a letter. Give them the directions sheet so they can follow along through the steps. (*See next page*)

Example letter:

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

The students at _____ school are learning so much about different places around the world through your website. They are excited to get started writing letters to you! Thanks for all the time you take to share the world with us.

Your friends,

5. **Students go into the computer lab to type their letters on the blog.**

Important note: *Have students write down which blog entry they posted their letter on. It will help them find it again during the next class session!*

6. When finished with their letter students can explore the **Dean Jacobs** website.