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- **Context**: Grade 8, Social Studies

This lesson could be used as an introduction to vocabulary associated with a unit on the Colonization of the Americas. Each of the projects could be combined as a study resource for the students to use before the unit assessment.

- **Digital Instructional Practice**: The use of a Multimodal approach to vocabulary instruction, prior to the reading of the text would benefit the students. Words associated to content area reading, such as those within this lesson, are more specialized and may require support through visual and auditory reinforcements.

- **Learning Objective:**
    - CC.1.5.8.F Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to add interest, clarify information, and strengthen claims and evidence.

    - Students will be able to understand and apply content/academic vocabulary critical to the meaning of the text, including vocabularies relevant to different contexts, cultures, and communities through the creation of a visual display.

- **Teaching/Learning Product:**

Through the use of the Microsoft 365 tool called Sway, we will collaboratively create an interactive vocabulary bank that students can use to learn and review vocabulary associated with the unit "Colonization of the Americas."

The unit contains 3 chapters. Students will be broken down into teams so they can read through each chapter identifying words they believe need further defining. The text also highlights terms and those must be included in their project. After the list of words is created they will divide the words among the group. Each person will find an image to represent the terms along with a brief video that will also assist with understanding. The definition of the term will be added under the image. These artifacts will be insert into one Sway. The groups will then share their Sway projects with the rest of the class and these can be embedded into their own Sway to create one display that covers the entire unit.

Teacher modeling of the use of Sway will occur first and a tutorial video given if extra review is needed.

[Sway Tutorial](#)

- **Digital Example**:   https://sway.com/X32RHmrJc3ooTk9t