

Labeling Classroom Furniture: Like Claiming Land in the Americas

Classroom experience

- groups of students
- Students walked around the classroom to label furniture.
- Students labeled furniture with sticky notes.
- One group had directions that allowed them to begin labeling furniture sooner.
- Other groups rushed to catch up with the first group.
- The first group had 30 sticky notes and could label more pieces of furniture.

Historical Connection

- European nations, such as England, France, the Netherlands, and Spain
- European explorers sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.
- European explorers used national flags to stake territorial claims for their sponsors.
- Spain was the first European country to claim land in the Americas.
- England, France, and the Netherlands later competed with Spain for land in the Americas.
- Spain sent many explorers to the New World and claimed an enormous amount of territory in North and South America.