**Second Grade**

**Key Concept 8:**

**My State: Then and Now Lesson**

**Overview:**

The best part about this lesson is that you don’t even have to teach it! The lesson is a travelling classroom presentation about the Arkansas Traveler. Someone from the Arkansas Secretary of State’s Education and Visitor Services team will come right to your classroom, and help your class explore the painting, the tune, and the tale of The Arkansas Traveler. Students will make connections with all of the symbols in the presentation, learn the tune and the tale and about how it influenced Arkansas’ reputation using primary resources! Do a follow-up lesson and have students compare and contrast Arkansas’ reputation, news stories, and art today. They even create their own Arkansas Traveler tune, tale or painting!

**Materials Needed:**

* Telephone to call and schedule your classroom presentation!

**Key Vocabulary:**

Arkansas Traveler

Tune

Tale

Reputation

Compare

Contrast

Symbol

**Objectives:**

C.2.2.1 Explain the significance of state and national symbols, patriotic songs, and mottos

G.9.2.2 Describe ways different cultures help shape the diversity of a community, place, or region

G.9.2.3 Explain ways weather, climate, and other environmental characteristics affect people’s lives in a place or region

G.10.2.1 Examine ways that natural resources influence where people settle

G.10.2.2 Examine reasons and ways that people, goods, and ideas move from place to place

G.10.2.3 Identify diverse groups that have come to Arkansas and where they settled

H.12.2.3 Compare life in your community past and present using maps, photographs, news stories, artifacts, or interviews

H.12.2.4 Investigate ways individuals, groups, and events have shaped one’s community and other communities in the United States

**Instructions:**

Follow this link to get more information on The Arkansas Traveler Workshop and how to book your classroom presentation today!

<http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/educational/Pages/ClassroomPresentations.aspx>