

The Clue, The Chase, The Case – Adam Mackie, UConn Law

Aim: The goal is to have students use library guides successfully to find resources on the shelves and to highlight the utility of secondary sources when doing foreign law research.

Gameplay:

The Clue - At the start of the exercise, the students search the classroom for a clue (folded piece of paper with magnifying glass drawn on it) planted in the room that leads students to a library guide of the country they'll be researching.

The Chase - Using the guide for their country, they have to find the most recent text in our library on that country's laws. In the correct book on the shelf, a wanted poster tells them the information they need to find in the pages.

The Case– Using the book, they find the answer posed on the wanted poster and bring it back to class to make the case. Correct and the bad guy gets locked up.

Design:

Find a collection of research guides that will lead students to one book on the shelf in your library. If it is difficult to make the connection directly, you can sell the Library of Classification system and have them get close with the poster sticking out of the book enough to catch their eye.

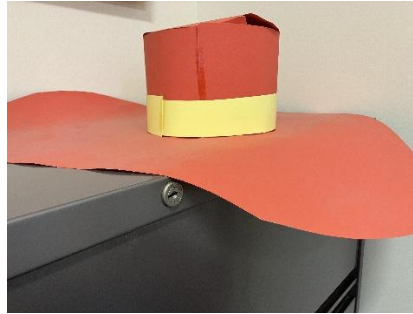
In this case, I designed the exercise using Georgetown's collection of country specific guides, figuring out which of the resources highlighted we had on our shelves, and giving the direction to students to find the most recent title noted. This sufficiently limited the possible correct result.

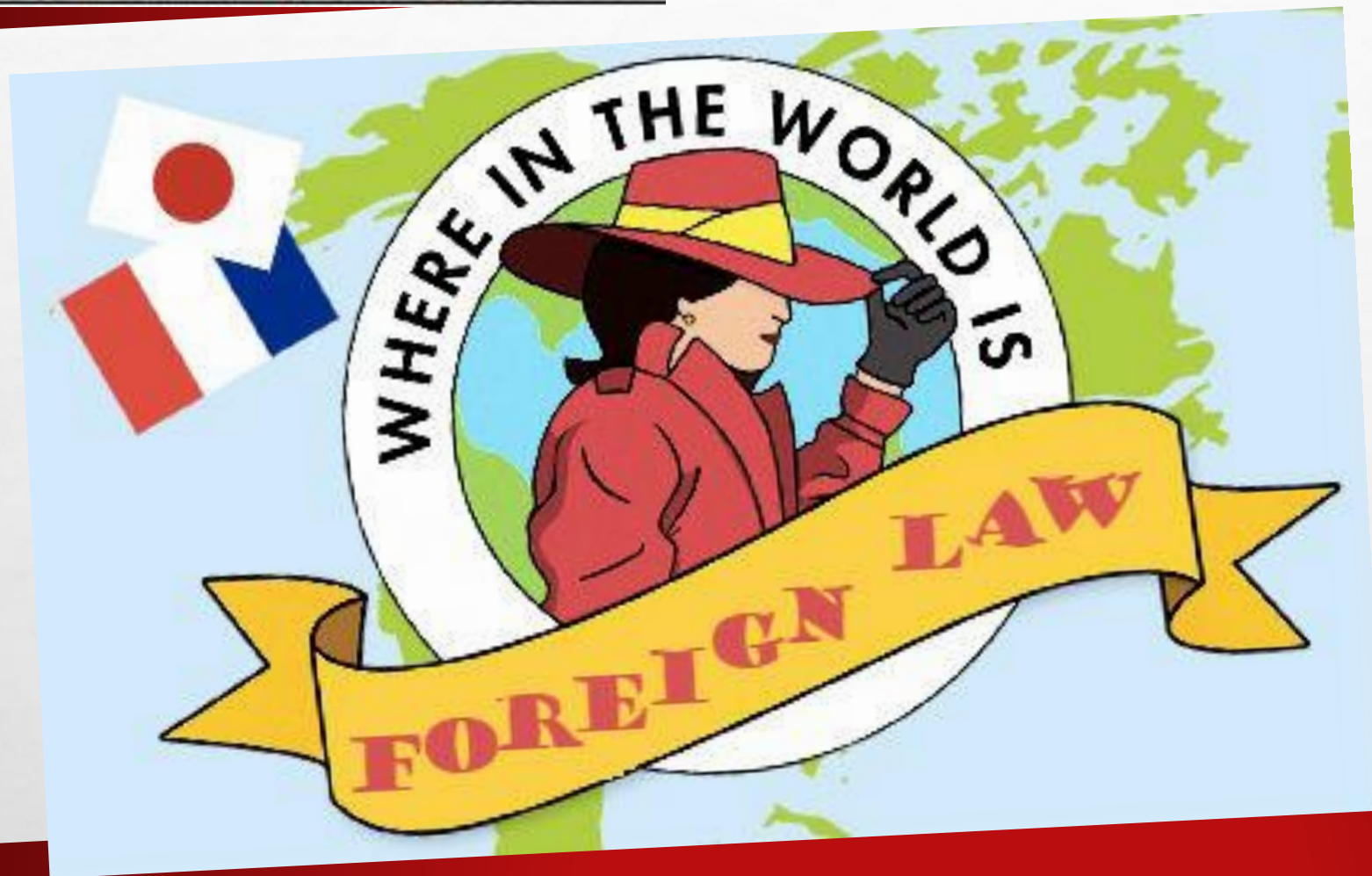
Then, design a poster that asks a question that the book can answer. I reverse engineered the question, by looking to the index, something I hope students would similarly use to find the answer. The piece that kicks the game off is a short clue that communicates the subject matter to the student. Building on the Carmen Sandiego angle, I used geographical facts to make it clear which country the students would be researching.

The mechanism could be used for any type of scavenger hunt with answers to be found in books on the shelf, with sufficient preparation. It is somewhat labor intensive, but the

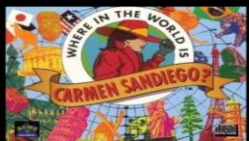
students were happy to learn the value of research guides and many reported it was the first time they have been to the shelves. Sad on some level but also rewarding to make the connection for them.

Optional: Asking your boss to walk by the classroom wearing a big red hat you made out of construction paper as an easter egg for the students...





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Carmen's gang has pulled another caper!



and it's up to you to crack the case...





The clue will lead you to the research guide of the country you need.



The research guide will lead you to the most recent edition of an introductory text on your country's laws in our library's collection.



On the back of the wanted poster in the correct book, you'll find the information we need to make our case!



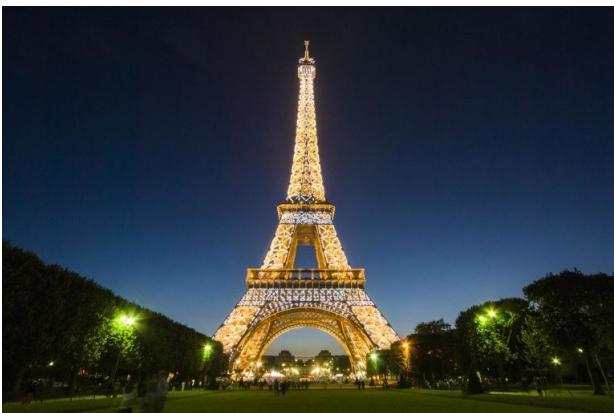
Sarah Nade was last seen attempting to steal all the wildlife from Kruger National Park!



Wonder Rat was last seen trying to horde all the maple syrup from the country that has the maple leaf on its flag!



Vic the Slick was last seen trying to slick away with the Eiffel Tower!



Double Trouble was last seen doing double duty trying to lift off with the ruins of Chichen Itza!



RoboCrook was last seen attempting to motor off with what remain of the Berlin Wall!



Top Grunge was last seen attempting to drag Stonehenge away tied to the back of his motorcycle!



WANTED



REWARD

What is the German for armed robbery? Where can it be found in the statutes?

Answer: Page #:

WANTED



TOP GRUNGE

REWARD

Where are the arrest conditions set out in English law?

Answer: Page #:

WANTED



REWARD

What article defines a flagrant offense giving greater police powers?

Answer: Page #:

WANTED



REWARD

What are the elements of robbery? Does the victim need to be present?

Answer: Page #:

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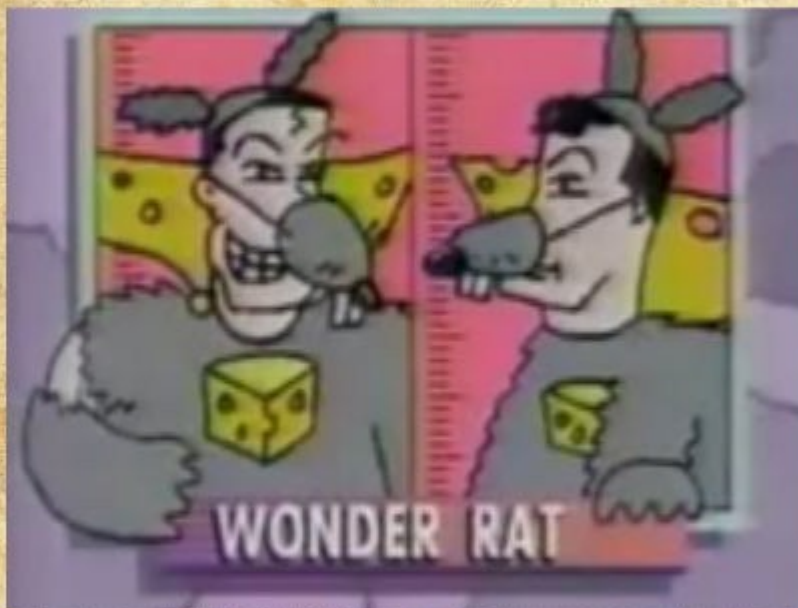


REWARD

Which law lists the crimes that the federal judiciary has exclusive jurisdiction over?

Answer: Page #:

WANTED



REWARD

Canadians take their maple syrup seriously. Is there capital punishment in Canada?

Answer: Page #: