**Confluence – A geography project that connects the world**

**Essential Question:**

* What are the relationships between hemispheres, latitude and longitude, and location?

**Standards:**

* 9.02Analyze the use of geographic tools to locate and examine information about people, places and environments.

**Background:**

The website [www.confluence.org](http://www.confluence.org) was founded to connect people around the world by looking at the locations of places and pictures that go along with these locations. The whole goal of the confluence project is to take pictures at all latitude and longitude points throughout the world and then share the pictures and stories of these places on this website. Essentially this will create a bank of images and stories to go along with as many locations as possible throughout the world.

**Task Description:**

**F**or these tasks you may use your spiral notebook or a word document on the computer to answer the questions.

1. Grab a computer and go to school fusion – watch the short video labeled “Confluence Mini Lesson” before completing this activity.
2. Next, go to the website [www.confluence.org](http://www.confluence.org)
3. Once here, locate the “search” link on the left hand side of the page (it is near the top of the page)
4. Type in the following latitude and longitude points, and for each latitude and longitude point complete the questions found on direction #5:
	1. 67N, 50W
	2. 43N, 80W
	3. 46S, 170E
	4. 27S, 141E
5. Questions to complete for each confluence point:
	1. Where did this confluence take you? (describe the place: city, country, state etc.)
	2. Looking at the picture, what inferences can you make about the place this person visited?
	3. Read through the story on this place and scroll to the bottom where it states “all pictures” and look at the other pictures of this place if there are any. After you have done this, write about whether or not this is a place you would like to visit in the future or not. Explain why or why not you would like to visit this place.
6. Finally, navigate through the website on your own and choose 2 more confluences of your choice to look at. Answer the questions below based on your 2 choice confluences:
	1. Describe in detail the physical characteristics of the place you visited.
	2. Why did you choose this place? What interested you about it?