Plan with the PQROST structure.

P: Preview
How will you introduce the topic?

Q: Question
What’s the big question?
See the national and Illinois standards for social studies or science.
Students can construct questions themselves!

R: Read
How will students read thoughtfully?
Use the Common Core Informational Text standards.

O: Organize
How will students organize what they learn?
Consider using a graphic organizer or two that will scaffold students’ learning.

S: Summarize/synthesize
How will students summarize/synthesize what they learn?
Use the Common Core writing standards to identify an appropriate format.
Then use the Common Core and Illinois Writing Standards to guide students to write appropriately.

T: Tell
How will students present what they learned?
Ideally, students will include drawings and graphic organizers that help communicate their ideas just as the writer of an article does.