

North America Unit

Activity Packet

Name: _____ Period: _____



The “North America” activity packet is a supplement to the daily classroom activities within our North America Unit of study in World Geography. This packet will provide each student a chance to explore a variety of topics in order to better understand the basic “geography” unique to the continent. *Note: will not be looking at Mexico during this unit...we save Mexico for our “Latin America” unit.*

Grading: students will receive 10 pts for every FULLY completed page within the packet. *Note: Students will be given a due date and failure to follow due dates will result in a 25% overall reduction of their packet grade.*

Guided Notes:

“Introduction to North America”

Three Major Languages spoken in NA?

Total Population of NA?

Number of Countries that make up NA?

Where does NA Rank in Size in relation to the other 6 continents?
(1st to 7th?)

Highest and Lowest Points of NA?

Name the...

President of Mexico:

President of the United States:

Prime Minister of Canada:

_____ / 10pts.

Greatest Places North America - Name: _____ Period: ____



North America Neighborhoods (aka. "Regions")



Hey Geographers...in order to complete the North American Neighborhoods worksheet you will need to log into www.44north93west.com and download the PDF File entitled "North American Neighborhoods"...please label each neighborhood (Region) and color the boxes to see where they begin and end! Note: the regions do over lap a bit

North America (Canada/USA) "Basic Water Terms"

Please define the following terms using a dictionary or an online resource.

Lake:

Marsh:

Lagoon:

Inlet:

Harbor:

Bog:

Bayou:

Canal:

River:

Bay:

Water Vocab Sketch "Basic Water Terms"

After you have defined the 10 "Basic Water" terms on the preceding page...pick your favorite 6 terms and draw/sketch them in the boxes below. Please write term in the title line of each box & make sure all your picts are neat and include color!

Term #1: _____ 	Term #2: _____
Term #3: _____ 	Term #4: _____
Term #5: _____ 	Term #6: _____

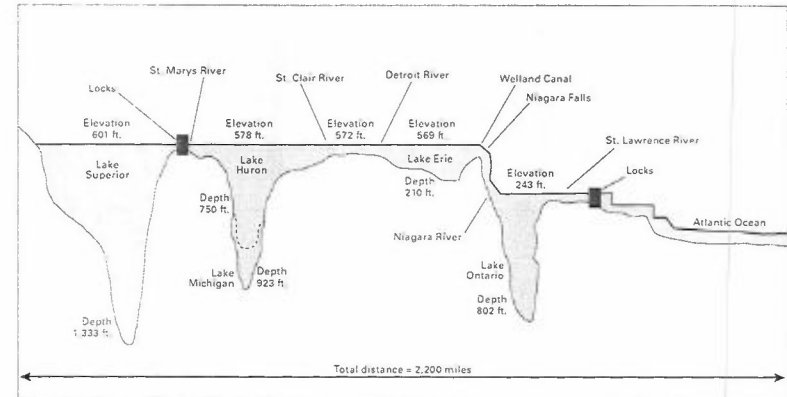
The Great Lakes Region



Talk about these questions with your partner. Then write your answers.

- Which is the largest of the Great Lakes?
- Which is the smallest of the Great Lakes?
- How many U.S. states and Canadian provinces border the Great Lakes?
- Which country controls more of the Great Lakes: the United States or Canada?
- What is the approximate distance from the southern end of the St. Lawrence River to Duluth, Minnesota?

Profile of the Great Lakes



Talk about these questions with your partner. Then write your answers.

- Which Great Lake is the deepest?
- Which Great Lake is the shallowest?
- Why does water flow from Lake Superior into the St. Lawrence River and out to the Atlantic?
- Which lake do you think people could pollute most quickly? Why?

READING NOTES

Take notes after each round of the game. Follow these directions:

1. Read the section of your book on that topic.
2. For each of Canada's five regions, record two or more key aspects of life you learned about that topic.

Pacific Region

Population:

Language:

Climate:

Buildings:

Economic activity:

Northern Region

Population:

Language:

Climate:

Buildings:

Economic activity:

Prairie Region

Population:

Language:

Climate:

Buildings:

Economic activity:

Atlantic Region

Population:

Language:

Climate:

Buildings:

Economic activity:

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Core Region

Population:

Language:

Climate:

Buildings:

Economic activity:

The Five Regions of Canada



READING NOTES

Follow these steps to complete your Reading Notes:

1. Read Sections 3 and 4. List examples of each push and pull factor you read about.
2. During the interviews, add to your notes any new examples of push and pull factors you learn about. You might also learn about how immigration affects the United States and the countries left behind. List those examples in your notes for Sections 5 and 6.
3. After the interviews, read Sections 5 and 6. Add any new examples you read about to your notes.

3 What Push Factors Drive Emigration?

Examples of political push factors:

Examples of environmental push factors:

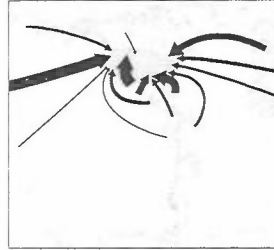
Examples of economic push factors:

4 What Pull Factors Draw Immigration?

Examples of quality-of-life pull factors:

Examples of family pull factors:

Examples of education pull factors:



READING NOTES

5 How Does Immigration Affect the U.S.?

Examples of economic impacts (jobs):

Examples of economic impacts (taxes):

Examples of cultural impacts (neighborhoods, foods, and holidays):

6 How Does Emigration Affect the Homelands People Leave Behind?

Examples of economic impacts (brain drain and gain):

Examples of social impacts (divided families, community improvements):

Examples of political impacts (working for better government):

Alaska IMAX Film

- 1) The 1st human inhabitants of North America crossed a land bridge between Alaska and Asia during what time period? _____
- 2) What is the common name for Aurora Borealis? _____
- 3) Term/Name natives give to the sound of ice breaking off the edge of glaciers into the ocean?

- 4) How much of each year does the Brown Bear (Grizzly) hibernate? _____
- 5) Number of lakes in Alaska _____
- 6) True or False: Sea Lions are graceful swimmers?
- 7) Explain how Humpback whales feed of Herring while in Alaska. (3 parts)

- 8) What miracle arrives from the Sea during the Alaskan summer? _____
- 9) How many times does an adult salmon migrate and spawn during their lifetime? _____
- 10) How many hours a day do bears fish during the summer salmon migration in order to store up fat for the coming winter? _____
- 11) Why do Bald Eagles gather on the Chilkoot river in SE Alaska?

- 12) What animal waits for Winter and thrives during this coldest of seasons?

- 13) What do polar bears need in order to hunt for their favorite food...the ringed seals?

- 14) How many miles can a polar bear smell a seal? _____ miles
- 15) What is the survival of the wolf dependent upon? _____
- 16) Please give the common name of the Inupiat people of Alaska. _____
- 17) What event took place in Alaska during 1897? _____
- 18) What is the Iditarod? _____
- 19) Make a list of 10 animals you observed in the film...

_____ / 10pts.

North America People of Power

President of the United States

Name:

Age:

Spouse Name:

Kids:

Education: (List Schools & Degrees)

Job Before President:

Day they Took Office:

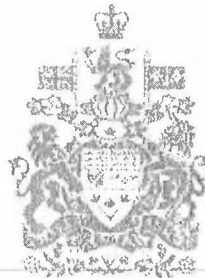
Prime Minister of Canada

Name:

Age:

Spouse Name:

Office of the
Prime Minister



Cabinet du
Premier Ministre

Kids:

Education: (List Schools & Degrees)

Job Before Prime Minister:

Day they Took Office:

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