Geography of Canada

Physical Features, Where People Live, & How They Trade
Teachers

Print off the following slide for each student. They should complete the chart while discussing the presentation.
### Canada's Physical Features

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**Directions:** Write the description of each physical feature in the table.
Physical Features
Great Lakes

- 5 large freshwater lakes
- **HOMES** (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior)
- Serve as the “industrial heartland” of the continent
- One of the world’s busiest shipping areas
  - Most of Canada’s population lives in this region
Great Lakes

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THE GREAT LAKES?
St Lawrence River

• Major source of overseas and US/Canada shipping & trade
  • Shortcut that connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean

• Huge producer of hydroelectricity
St Lawrence Seaway

- A canal completed in 1959
- Connects the Great Lakes with the St. Lawrence River
- Major source of overseas trade
- Closed from November to April (frozen)
St Lawrence Seaway Film
Hudson Bay

• HUGE inland sea in east central Canada
• “an arm” of the Atlantic Ocean
• Only navigable from July to October
Churchill Canada Polar Bears
Atlantic Ocean

- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest of the earth’s 5 oceans.
- It’s also the most heavily traveled ocean.
- It forms the eastern border of Canada.
- It’s a major shipping route to Europe & Africa.
Pacific Ocean

• Largest & deepest of the world’s 5 oceans
• Covers 1/3 of the earth’s surface!
• Western border of Canada
  • Major shipping route to Asia
Canadian Shield

- Stretches from Great Lakes to Arctic Ocean; covers half of Canada!
  - Region home to thousands of lakes
- Major source of natural resources:
- Region is sparsely populated.
Ice Road Truckers
Rocky Mountains

- Mountains located in Western Canada
- Stretch a distance of 2,000 miles!
- Mining is the biggest industry in the region
- Major minerals include: iron ore, copper, coal, gold.
- Sparsely populated
Canadian Rockies: Banff National Park Film

1. How large is the park?
2. How many people visit the park each year?
3. What lake is called the Jewel of the Canadian Rockies?
4. List 4 activities you can do in the park?
Banff Film
Be the Thing…

Your Task:

• Choose 1 of the physical features
• Fold your paper “hamburger style” to make a desk tent
• On the front : Imagine that you are one of the features. Write 5 facts about yourself.
• On the back: draw an illustration of the feature

We will walk around and try to guess the features!
Example:

Brrrrr! I am always so cold!! It’s chilly up here in northern Canada. I am so tired of everybody always picking on me. Dig, dig, dig all day long. I wish I had some pretty trees to look at...All that I can see is scraggly trees and flat, rocky land. It’s so lonely. No one lives near me.
Canadian Shield!
Where People Live & How They Trade
Teachers

Project the following slide on the board/wall, and have students point out or label the physical features.
Let’s Review:
Physical Features
5 Regions of Canada
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1. **Atlantic** - Islands and peninsulas of the Atlantic Coast
2. **Core** - Great lakes, Ontario and Quebec
3. **Prairie** - Canada’s Central Plains; Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan
4. **Pacific** - Pacific Coast; British Columbia
5. **Northern** - Canada’s three territories; Yukon, Northwest and Nuavut
Location

• 2\textsuperscript{nd} largest country in the world (Russia is larger)
• Surrounded by three oceans: Atlantic, Arctic, & Pacific
• Population is 36.9 million
• 80% of Population live in Urban Areas
• 90 percent of population lives within 100 miles of the US-Canadian border.
Location

• The International Boundary, the longest border between two nations, is the official name of the 5,525 mile border between Canada and the United States

• Canada’s landmass is covered with over 2 million lakes
Northwest Angle

1. When was this border mistake made?
2. How many people guard the border?
3. Why do people come here?
4. How do High School Student get to school?
Northwest Angle
Haskell Library
US-Canada Border and COVID
Trade

- Canada’s location in the world helps it to be a leader in world trade:
  - It’s uniquely located on 3 oceans, so it has opportunities to trade with Europe & Asia.
  - Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway allow goods to be shipped to and from central Canada and the Atlantic Ocean
- A major benefit for Canada is its border with the US (#1 trading partner).
  - 80% of Canada’s exports come to US
Climate

• **Southeastern** Canada has a MUCH warmer climate than the rest of the country.
  • Warm to hot summers & cold winters
  • Allows for a long growing season
• **Pacific coast** has a temperate climate.
  • Pacific ocean cools the region in summer and warms it in winter.
  • Over 100 inches of precipitation per year
• **Northern** Canada is COLD!
  • Few people live here – temperatures can be below freezing even in summer!
Economy

• The economy in Canada is the 9th strongest in the world
• Canada is the 10th largest exporter of oil and the 3rd largest exporter of natural gas in the world

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Economy

- All of Canada uses the Canadian Dollar
- There are no 1 or 2 dollar bills in Canada, they have been replaced by the 1 and 2 dollar coins – the “loonie” and the “toonie”
LOONIES AND TOONIES
How has Covid hurt the economy in Port Roberts?
Language

- Canada is an officially bilingual country, with two official languages: **French and English**. In practice, however, the majority of Canadians speak English.
- In total 86.2% of Canadians have working knowledge of English while 29.8% have a working knowledge of French.
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Canucks are est dog meat all the way.
USA tour le way you.
Vate super sucks Canada.
Eat my shorts.
Mange mes briefs!
Natural Resources

• Canada is the 10th largest exporter of oil and the 3rd largest exporter of natural gas in the world
• Rich in natural resources:
  • coal, oil, natural gas, iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, molybdenum, potash, diamonds, & silver
• Rivers and lakes have an abundance of fish, freshwater
• Good soil allows farmers to grow crops
• Timber is also a major natural resource.
PHYSICAL FEATURES OF CANADA

DIRECTIONS:
1. Label (with a PEN) the following physical features: Pacific, Atlantic, & Arctic Oceans, Hudson Bay, Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, Rocky Mountains, and the Canadian Shield.
3. Color LIGHT BLUE: Hudson Bay, the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River.
5. Color YELLOW: Canadian Shield.
Pack Your Bags

• Inside of the suitcase, draw FIVE things that you are going to take with you on our class trip to Canada.
  • Think about the location, climate, physical features, and natural resources of the country. Look in your notebook for clues about what you might need on your trip.

• Next, include a brief description of why you chose to bring that particular item.
  • Color your suitcase—be creative! 😊

  • Example: I’m bringing a snowboard so that I can go down the Rocky Mountains!
I give my students the following handout at the beginning of our Canada unit. I tell them to keep it handy in their Interactive Notebook, and whenever we discuss any words that begin with certain letters, they are to write them down. The first person to complete the chart wins a prize. *The words have to be things that we’ve discussed in class, not things that they already know, so they must always pay attention!
Directions: Use the Canada: A to Z PowerPoint notes to create an acrostic for CANADA.

- Write C-A-N-A-D-A going down the left side of your paper. Use BIG letters!
- Write a statement that begins with each letter of CANADA.
- Create a small, colorful illustration for each letter.

Example:
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10. Why does the majority of Canada's population live within 200 miles of the U.S.-Canadian border?

8. Which landform located along the Hudson Bay is rich in minerals?

| Great Lakes | Atlantic Ocean | Canadian Shield | Pacific Ocean | St. Lawrence River | Rocky Mountains | Arctic Ocean |

Directions: Use the world bank below to label the features on the map.

Part One: Quiz

Physical Features of Canada
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