

Guided Reading Activity



Canada

Lesson 1 *The Physical Geography of Canada*

Essential Question: How do people adapt to their environment?

Canada's Physical Landscape

Directions: Complete the table with information about Canada's physical landscape.

Region	Location	Landscape	Climate
Atlantic Provinces (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and Labrador)			mostly humid continental climate; cold winters and warm summers; higher rainfall than interior
Quebec and Ontario		lowland plains along the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes; Canadian Shield to the north	
	north of the Great Plains in the U.S.	plains tilting from west to east; highland areas to the northeast and west	
		mountains, deep valleys, and plateaus; inlets and cliffs on the coast	marine west coast climate; mild temperatures; some heavy rainfall
Northern Lands (Nunavut, Northwest Territories, and Yukon Territory)	on Canada's northern shores bordering the Arctic Ocean		

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Bodies of Water

Directions: Label each description with the correct body or bodies of water.

- _____ 1. This ocean brings rain and mild temperatures to western Canada. It provides a trade route from the west and is home to important Canadian fisheries.
- _____ 2. The cold air blows in from this ocean to chill northern and central Canada.
- _____ 3. The air from this ocean moderates the temperatures of eastern Canada. It provides important shipping routes from the east and is home to the Grand Banks, one of the world's great fisheries.
- _____ 4. This extension of the Atlantic Ocean also serves as the mouth of the St. Lawrence River.
- _____ 5. A system of canals and locks that provides shipping access deep into Canada's interior.
- _____ 6. Canada shares four out of five of these lakes with the United States.
- _____ 7. Two major lakes in the lowland areas west of the Canadian Shield, located in the Northwest Territories.
- _____ 8. Another major lake in the lowland areas west of the Canadian Shield, located in Manitoba.
- _____ 9. This river begins at the Great Slave Lake and flows north and west over 1,000 miles to the Arctic Ocean.
- _____ 10. This river flows through the mountains of British Columbia and supports industries such as farming, fishing, and mining.