DISCOVERING THE WORLD OF Geography

Includes Selected National Geography Standards

Focusing on the Western Hemisphere:

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Teachers leading discussions while completing units and activities is a prerequisite for accomplishing the standards. Inquiry discussion is important: What do you know? How are things alike and not alike? Why do you think that?

**National Standard 1:** How to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information

This standard is addressed through map, chart, and graph activities in a number of chapters. Unit 4 and Unit 12: Problems 1, 4, and 13 specifically address this standard.

**National Standard 4:** The physical and human characteristics of place

This standard is addressed in activities throughout the book. Unit 10, Unit 11, and Unit 12: Problems 2, 7, and 11 specifically address this standard.

**National Standard 9:** The characteristics, distributions, and migrations of human populations on Earth’s surface

Activities in Unit 2 address this standard as students learn about the populations of Western hemisphere nations. Unit 12: Problem 10 specifically addresses this standard.

**National Standard 10:** The character, distribution, and complexity of Earth’s cultural mosaics

This standard is specifically addressed in Unit 12: Problem 13.

**National Standard 11:** The patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth’s surface

This standard is addressed in Unit 7 and Unit 8 as students learn of the agriculture and natural resources of Western hemisphere nations. Unit 12: Problems 8 and 9 specifically address this standard.

**National Standard 12:** The process, patterns, and functions of human settlement

Throughout the book, students address this standard as they learn how physical features, natural resources, agriculture, and climate affect human settlement. The standard is specifically addressed in Unit 12: Problems 5 and 6.

**National Standard 15:** How physical systems affect human systems

This standard is addressed in Units 3 and 5 as students learn how physical features affect the climate and the desirability of a region for settlement, transportation, commerce, and agriculture. Unit 12: Problems 3, 6, and 12 specifically address this standard.
Unit 1: Political Geography of Western Hemisphere Nations

A. Western Hemisphere

Using Map 1 and an atlas, complete the following. You will need colored pens or pencils for this activity.

1. The number 1 locates Canada. Color it blue.
2. The number 2 locates the United States. Color it red.
3. The number 3 locates Mexico. Color it yellow.
4. The number 4 locates Central America. Color it orange.
5. The number 5 locates the West Indies (Caribbean islands). Color it brown.
6. The number 6 locates South America. Color it purple.
B. Canadian Provinces/Territories and Capitals

Canada is a nation made up of provinces and territories. Each province and territory has a capital city.

Using Map 2 and an atlas, complete the following about Canada’s provinces and territories. Place the number by the province or territory on the map to show its location.

Provinces and Territories
1. British Columbia 2. Ontario
3. Prince edward island 4. alberta
5. Quebec 6. nova Scotia
7. Saskatchewan 8. newfoundland
9. Manitoba 10. new Brunswick
11. yukon Territory 12. northwest Territories
13. nunavut Territory

A dot on Map 2 locates the capital of each Canadian province or territory. Place the letter of the capital city next to the corresponding dot on the map.

Capital Cities
a. Charlottetown b. St. John’s c. halifax d. Fredericton e. Quebec
f. Toronto g. Winnipeg h. regina i. edmonton j. Victoria
k. Whitehorse l. yellowknife m. iqaluit

Pretest Practice
Use the names of the above capital cities to fill in the blanks.

1. The capital of British Columbia is ____________________________.
2. The capital of Ontario is ____________________________.
3. The capital of Prince edward island is ____________________________.
4. The capital of alberta is ____________________________.
5. The capital of Quebec is ____________________________.
6. The capital of nova Scotia is ____________________________.
7. The capital of Saskatchewan is ____________________________.
8. The capital of newfoundland is ____________________________.
9. The capital of Manitoba is ____________________________.
10. The capital of new Brunswick is ____________________________.
11. The capital of the yukon Territory is ____________________________.
12. The capital of the northwest Territories is ____________________________.
13. The capital of nunavut Territory is ____________________________.
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B. Canadian Provinces/Territories and Capitals (cont.)

MAP 2
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Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The capital of British Columbia is
   a) edmonton   b) Victoria   c) Quebec   d) yellowknife.
2. The capital of Ontario is
   a) Toronto   b) regina   c) Quebec   d) Fredericton.
3. The capital of Prince edward island is
   a) iqaluit   b) Toronto   c) halifax   d) Charlottetown.
4. The capital of alberta is
   a) edmonton   b) Victoria   c) Whitehorse   d) yellowknife.
5. The capital of Quebec is
   a) Quebec   b) regina   c) iqaluit   d) Toronto.
6. The capital of nova Scotia is
   a) edmonton   b) halifax   c) Quebec   d) St. John’s.
7. The capital of Saskatchewan is
   a) Quebec   b) Winnipeg   c) iqaluit   d) regina.
8. The capital of newfoundland is
   a) yellowknife   b) regina   c) Victoria   d) St. John’s.
9. The capital of Manitoba is
   a) iqaluit   b) St. John’s   c) halifax   d) Winnipeg.
10. The capital of new Brunswick is
    a) edmonton   b) Victoria   c) Fredericton   d) Quebec.
11. The capital of the yukon Territory is
    a) Whitehorse   b) Winnipeg   c) iqaluit   d) regina.
12. The capital of the northwest Territories is
    a) regina   b) Victoria   c) Quebec   d) yellowknife.
13. The capital of nunavut Territory is
    a) Quebec   b) Winnipeg   c) iqaluit   d) regina.
C. United States and Capitals

The United States includes fifty states and the commonwealth of Puerto rico. Each state or commonwealth has a capital city.

Using Map 3 and an atlas, place the number by each state or commonwealth on the map to show its location.

**States**

1. alaska  
2. hawaii  
3. Texas  
4. California  
5. Florida  
6. Oregon  
7. Washington  
8. Utah  
9. idaho  
10. arizona  
11. new Mexico  
12. nevada  
13. Montana  
14. Wyoming  
15. Colorado  
16. north Dakota  
17. South Dakota  
18. nebraska  
19. Kansas  
20. Oklahoma  
21. arkansas  
22. louisiana  
23. Missouri  
24. iowa  
25. Minnesotta  
26. illinois  
27. Tennessee  
28. Kentucky  
29. Mississippi  
30. Wisconsin  
31. indiana  
32. Ohio  
33. alabama  
34. Georgia  
35. South Carolina  
36. north Carolina  
37. Virginia  
38. Maryland  
39. South Carolina  
40. new Jersey  
41. Pennsylvania  
42. new york  
43. rhode island  
44. Connecticut  
45. Massachusetts  
46. Vermont  
47. new hampshire  
48. Maine  
49. West Virginia  
50. Michigan  
51. Puerto rico

A dot on Map 3 locates the capital of each state in the United States, as well as Puerto rico. Place the letter of the capital city next to the corresponding dot on the map.

a. Sacramento  
b. helena  
c. Phoenix  
d. Salem  
e. Carson City  
f. Salt lake City  
g. Santa Fe  
h. Denver  
i. Cheyenne  
j. Boise  
k. Olympia  
l. austin  
m. Oklahoma City  

n. Topeka  
q. Jefferson City  
r. little rock  
s. Baton rouge  
t. Madison  
u. Springfield  
y. Columbus  
z. Montgomery  
d. Tallahassee  
e. atlanta  
f. Columbia  
g. raleigh  
h. richmond  
i. Charleston  
j. annapolis  
k. Dover  
l. harrisburg  
m. Trenton  
n. albany  
o. hartford  
p. Providence  
q. Boston  
r. Concord  
s. Montpelier  
t. augusta  
u. honolulu  
v. Juneau  
w. San Juan  

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C. United States and Capitals (cont.)

MAP 3
Use the names of the capital cities above to complete the following.

1. The capital of Alaska is ________________.
2. The capital of Hawaii is ________________.
3. The capital of Texas is ________________.
4. The capital of California is ________________.
5. The capital of Florida is ________________.
6. The capital of Oregon is ________________.
7. The capital of Washington is ________________.
8. The capital of Utah is ________________.
9. The capital of Idaho is ________________.
10. The capital of Arizona is ________________.
11. The capital of New Mexico is ________________.
12. The capital of Nevada is ________________.
13. The capital of Montana is ________________.
14. The capital of Wyoming is ________________.
15. The capital of Colorado is ________________.
16. The capital of North Dakota is ________________.
17. The capital of South Dakota is ________________.
18. The capital of Nebraska is ________________.
19. The capital of Kansas is ________________.
C. United States and Capitals—Pretest Practice (cont.)

20. The capital of Oklahoma is _________________________.
21. The capital of Arkansas is _________________________.
22. The capital of Louisiana is _________________________.
23. The capital of Missouri is _________________________.
24. The capital of Iowa is _____________________________.
25. The capital of Minnesota is _________________________.
26. The capital of Illinois is _________________________.
27. The capital of Tennessee is _________________________.
28. The capital of Kentucky is _________________________.
29. The capital of Mississippi is _______________________.
30. The capital of Wisconsin is _________________________.
31. The capital of Indiana is _________________________.
32. The capital of Ohio is _____________________________.
33. The capital of Alabama is _________________________.
34. The capital of Georgia is _________________________.
35. The capital of South Carolina is _______________________.
36. The capital of North Carolina is _______________________.
37. The capital of Virginia is _________________________.
38. The capital of Maryland is _________________________.
39. The capital of Delaware is _________________________.
40. The capital of New Jersey is _________________________.
41. The capital of Pennsylvania is _______________________.
42. The capital of New York is _________________________.
43. The capital of Rhode Island is _______________________.
44. The capital of Connecticut is _______________________.
45. The capital of Massachusetts is _______________________.
46. The capital of Vermont is _________________________.
47. The capital of New Hampshire is _______________________.
48. The capital of Maine is _____________________________.
49. The capital of West Virginia is _______________________.
50. The capital of Michigan is _________________________.
51. The capital of Puerto Rico is _________________________.
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C. United States and Capitals—Test

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The capital of Wisconsin is
   a) Springfield   b) Madison   c) Lansing   d) Olympia.
2. The capital of Missouri is
   a) Jefferson City   b) Carson City   c) Topeka   d) Little Rock.
3. The capital of Massachusetts is
   a) Salem   b) Concord   c) Augusta   d) Boston.
4. The capital of Tennessee is
   a) Frankfort   b) Nashville   c) Memphis   d) Columbus.
5. The capital of Mississippi is
   a) Baton Rouge   b) Tallahassee   c) Montgomery   d) Jackson.
6. The capital of Alabama is
   a) Sacramento   b) Augusta   c) Juneau   d) Olympia.
7. The capital of Illinois is
   a) Salem   b) Springfield   c) Lincoln   d) Chicago.
8. The capital of Florida is
   a) Tallahassee   b) Salt Lake City   c) Phoenix   d) Boise.
9. The capital of Oregon is
   a) Santa Fe   b) Tallahassee   c) Salem   d) Boise.
10. The capital of Washington is
    a) Trenton   b) Dover   c) Springfield   d) Olympia.
11. The capital of Utah is
    a) Sacramento   b) Indianapolis   c) Salt Lake City   d) Olympia.
12. The capital of Idaho is
    a) Santa Fe   b) Boise   c) Denver   d) Cheyenne.
13. The capital of Arizona is
    a) Phoenix   b) Salem   c) Boise   d) Santa Fe.
14. The capital of New Mexico is
    a) Phoenix   b) Salem   c) Boise   d) Santa Fe.
15. The capital of Georgia is
    a) Jackson   b) Atlanta   c) Montgomery   d) Tallahassee.
16. The capital of South Carolina is
    a) Columbia   b) Atlanta   c) New Orleans   d) Phoenix.