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United States and Canada: Regions

Worksheet Scan

The 2nd theme of geography is **regions**. The world is not only divided into political regions, bound by borders; it can also be divided into regions that are defined by physical and human characteristics. For example, the world could be broken up into language regions. One could map all the Spanish-speaking countries in the world. The world can be segmented into climate regions, such as warm and tropical areas or cold and snowy areas.

A **region** can be defined as an area that shares common physical or human characteristics with another place. For example, the United States and Canada share the same language, as well as sharing the Rocky Mountains.

Geographers can map regions by crops, products, and industry as well. For example, northern California and Newfoundland are both fishing regions.

Regions can change over time. With the movement of people from one area of the world to another, regions can be redefined. War, famine, and natural disasters are causes for people to move and in the process spread language, religion, and culture. Missionaries, political leaders, and the media are influential in changing or expanding cultural regions. When looking at the United States and Canada, some physical regions are the Corn Belt, the Cotton Belt, the dairy regions, and the wheat regions. Some industrial regions include timber, oil, coal, automobiles, and electronic technology.

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Directions: Compare and contrast the Canada and another country of your choice. What similarities do they share? What differences are there? Compare and contrast religion, language, government, climate, landforms, clothing, holidays, homes, animals, food, transportation, and traditions.

	Canada	Country: _____	Similar or Different?
Religion			
Language			
Government			
Climate			
Landforms			
Clothing			
Holidays			
Homes			
Animals			
Food			
Transportation			
Traditions			