

SIX PHYSICAL REGIONS OF CANADA

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Description:

Students will learn the six physical regions of Canada through lecture, discussion, and drawing/coloring on map handouts. Students' efforts will culminate in a homework assignment and a unit test.

Grade Level:

Grade Six

Subject(s):

Social Studies or Geography

Duration:

One or two classes

Goal:

To have students learn the six physical regions of Canada.

Materials:

- *Canada Northern Neighbor, Second Edition*. Donald Alper, Corie Jones, Robert Monahan, Donald Wilson: Center for Canadian-American Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham. 1999
- Map (figure 16, page 75, *Canada Northern Neighbor*) as overhead projector transparency and photocopied handouts/worksheets
- Colored pencils or fine-tipped markers
- Fine-tipped colored overhead projector markers
- Pen and notebook
- Overhead projector
- Whiteboard or blackboard
- Colored board markers or colored chalk

Procedure:

1. Students have their colored pencils or fine-tipped markers ready.
2. Teacher begins lesson by turning on overhead projector and showing a blank map of Canada that is identical to the students' maps.
3. Teacher then draws with a fine-tipped black overhead marker the boundaries of Canada's six physical regions.
4. Teacher then turns to whiteboard/blackboard and, using colored board markers/colored chalk, lists and color-codes regions. (Violet, for example, is used for the Canadian Shield.)
5. Teacher instructs students to use a similar method for the rest of the lesson.
6. Teacher then starts to describe each of the regions (see pages 15-17, *Canada*), using board to make points, coloring each region on the overhead map to match the color-code, taking plenty of time for students to draw/color their maps, discuss, question, and take notes.

*Note: It's important to give students as many map handouts and worksheets, as they need. They should feel free to make mistakes and start over throughout the lesson.

Assessment:

After completing the lesson, the student is assigned a map which they must complete as homework; it is due the next class. Students are allowed to use all their notes and past handouts/worksheets. This same physical regions map will be included in the unit test.

Student Rubric:

Total: 26 points possible

- Map has all six regions: 1 point each, 6 points possible
- Map has all six regions drawn/colored correctly: up to 3 points each, 18 points possible
- Grading for regions:
 - 1 point: needs improvement
 - 2 points: meets minimum expectations
 - 3 points: meets maximum expectations
- Map has a compass rose: 1 point
- Map has student's name on bottom margin: 1 point

