

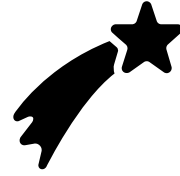
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Physical Geography

1. Landforms and Resources

a. Total land area

- i. 1st place with the most land is Russia
- ii. _____ ranks 2nd.
- iii. _____ ranks 3rd
- iv. Together, Canada and the U.S. fill _____ of the land surface of the Earth.



b. Eastern Lowlands

- i. Flat _____ plains runs along the _____ Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (Atlantic Coastal Plain)
- ii. _____ Coastal Plain



c. Appalachian Highlands

- i. Gently sloping _____ Mountains
- ii. Have been eroded over time
- iii. Considered to be over _____ million years old



d. Interior Lowlands

- i. Flattened by _____ thousands of years ago
- ii. Terrain varies between lowlands, hills, lots of lakes and _____
- iii. Three sub-regions:
 1. _____ Plains
 2. _____ Plains
 3. _____ Shield

e. Western Mountains, Plateaus, and Basins

- i. Rocky Mountains range _____ miles from Alaska south to New Mexico
- ii. Thought to be around _____ million years old

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f. Continental Divide

- i. Marks the separation between _____ flowing eastward and westward

g. Mount McKinley

- i. North America's highest peak at _____ feet is in _____

h. Oceans and Waterways

i. Great Lakes

1. Lake _____
2. Lake _____
3. Lake _____
4. Lake _____
5. Lake _____



- ii. St. Lawrence River- along with the Great Lakes, it forms one of the world's most important _____ routes



iii. Mississippi River

1. The river begins out of Lake Itasca in northern _____.
2. It flows 2,350 miles to the _____ of _____.
3. It drains 31 states and its watershed covers _____ of the continental US.
4. Once known as the longest river in the U.S., it has since lost that title to the _____ River which has had its length corrected to 2,540 miles.
5. **This information comes from the U.S.G.S. Open File Report 87-242 published in 2012.**

iv. Mackenzie River

1. Canada's longest and largest river in Canada



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2. Features of Canadian and US Landforms (**KNOW THESE LANDFORMS!!!!**)

Rocky Mountains	Great Plains	Canadian Shield	Appalachian Mountains
	Runs from southern Texas up through southern Canada	Covers about 1.8 million square miles	
80 million years old			400 million years old
	Mostly treeless area	Rocky and Flat	
Extends 3,000 miles from New Mexico to Alaska			1,600 miles from Alabama to Newfoundland

3. Climate and Vegetation

- a. Almost every _____ type can be found in the U.S. because it extends over such a large area.
- b. Canada's cold climate is related to its location in the far _____ latitudes.
- c. Some places there is _____, or permanently frozen ground.
- d. Prevailing Westerlies
 - i. Winds that blow from _____ to _____ in the middle latitudes

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- ii. Keeps the summers warm and the winters mild along the _____
Coast and _____ mountains.



e. Everglades



- i. Found in southern _____
ii. Has a tropical wet and dry climate
iii. It is a huge swampland that covers some _____ square miles.

4. Human- Environment Interaction

a. Settlement



- i. First _____ inhabitants were
_____ who moved
from place to place
ii. Archaeologists believe they
migrated from _____
over the _____ land
bridge.
iii. Hunting and gathering was their primary method of food production before
they began to cultivate _____.

