

Name: TE 2015-2016

Class Hour: _____

Unit 1 – US and Canada

The Big Picture

1. What are the four learning targets for this unit?

- A. I can explain how the physical characteristics of the US and Canada are the same and different. _____
- B. I can explain how the governments of the USA and Canada are the same and different _____
- C. I can explain how the economies of the US and Canada are the same and different. _____
- D. I can explain how the human characteristics of the US and Canada are the same and different. _____

2. Complete the following chart by defining each vocabulary term.

Limited Government	Government that uses a constitution to restrict or limit its power over the people.
Rule of Law	The idea that society, and the government of that society, must fairly use and follow rules.
Majority Rule	The idea that 50%+1 of a society control the government.
Minority Rights	Rules made to protect the rights of people who are not in the majority.
Parliament	A law-making group of people in many democratic countries.
Prime Minister	The leader of a Parliament in a country that uses a Parliament to make laws.
Province	A region within a country similar to a state in the United States.
Capitalism	An economic system which allows free trade and private ownership of goods and property.
Democracy	A system of government controlled by ALL people.
Republic	A system of government where leaders are elected and represent the people of the country.
Federalism	A government's power is divided among national and regional governments.

An Introduction to the US and Canada Video Activity

Learning Target 1: *I can identify the major physical and political features of United States and Canada.*

For each section, please list at least three facts you learned about each region while watching the video for that region.

The 10 Most Unusual Places in America (Youtube)	
1. 2. ANSWERS VARY 3.	One Fact from Partner #1 One Fact from Partner #2
Kineticvideo.com – Canada-for-children-geography-14274-i.mp4 (Youtube)	
1. 2. ANSWERS VARY 3.	One Fact from Partner #1 One Fact from Partner #2
Canada’s Geographic Challenge (Youtube)	
1. 2. ANSWERS VARY 3.	One Fact from Partner #1 One Fact from Partner #2

The Physical and Political Features of the United States and Canada

Complete the outline of physical features of North America. Then create a “Physical Features of North America” Map by placing ALL of the physical features onto the map shown to the right. Create a key and color the map appropriately. Then answer the final two “Political Features” questions at the bottom of this page.

1. Physical Features of North America:

A. Mountains:

- i. The Appalachians
- ii. The Rockies
- iii. Sierra Nevada

B. Flat lands:

- i. Great Plains
- ii. Great Basin
- iii. Canadian Shield

C. Water:

i. Rivers

- a. Mississippi
- b. Missouri
- c. Ohio
- d. St. Lawrence
- e. Rio Grande

ii. Lakes

- a. Lake Winnipeg
- b. Great Salt Lake
- c. The Great Lakes (Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, Lake

Ontario)

iii. Bays:

- a. Hudson Bay
- b. Chesapeake Bay
- c. San Francisco Bay
- d. Baffin Bay

iv. “Big” waters:

- a. Atlantic Ocean
- b. Pacific Ocean
- c. Gulf of Mexico
- d. Arctic Ocean

2. Political Features of North America:

The United States is divided into states. There are 50 of them.

Canada is divided into 10 provinces and 3 territories.