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Unit 2 Geography Webquest The United States and Canada

Directions: Use the provided websites to complete the following questions. All answers can be found online or in the Unit 2 Atlas.

⇒ Go to: http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/north_america_reliefmap.htm

1. What 3 major rivers run through the central United States? Where do they empty?

2. Name the ocean that borders...
 - a. EAST:
 - b. WEST:
 - c. NORTH:

3. What 2 mountain ranges are found in Alaska?

4. What large body of water cuts deep into Canada?

5. Locate the **Appalachian Mountains**:
 - a. Where is this mountain chain located (describe)

 - b. Approximately how long is the entire chain? (Hint! Use the map scale!)
 - c. Where do the Appalachians begin and end? (Also consult a U.S. political map to answer this question!)
 - d. Consult Google to find the tallest mountain in the Appalachian Mts - Name it *and* give its elevation in feet.

6. Locate the **Rocky Mountains**:
 - a. Where is this mountain chain located (describe)

 - b. Approximately how long is the entire chain? (Hint! Use the map scale!)
 - c. Where do the Rockies begin and end? (Also consult a North American political map to answer this Q!)
 - d. Consult Google to find the tallest mountain in the Rocky Mts - Name it *and* give its elevation in feet.

⇒ Go To: <http://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/us/great-plains-physical-geography.html> and read the Introduction and physical geography sections

7. Great Plains

- a. Where is the Great Plains located and approximately how large is it?(describe)

⇒ Click on **PEOPLE AND ECONOMY** Section

- b. What is most of the land on the Great Plains dedicated to? Be specific and list the things that are produced in this area.

⇒ Next, go to http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/encyclopedia/north-america-physical-geography/?ar_a=1

8. Take a few minutes to look at each picture and read the information (click "info" tab)
 - a. Decide which picture or fact is most interesting and WHY

⇒ Read the facts in the left hand column and complete the following:

9. North America stretches from the polar _____ to the tropical _____, supports almost ____ major types of biomes (community of animals and plants in an area w/ similar climate)
10. Largest Urban Area: _____, Mexico (____,204,965 people
11. Highest Elevation: Denali, _____ United States (6,194 meters/____,322 feet
12. Largest Watershed: _____ River (3,202,185 sq. km/1,236,371 sq. mi)
13. Population Density (AVG) ____ people per square kilometer
14. Amount of Renewable Electricity Produced (Worldwide)____%

⇒ Then, go to <http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/canada-facts/> to fill in the information below.

15. Fast Facts - Canada

Population: ____,225,000
Capital: _____
Area: ____,855,101 sq. miles
Language: _____, _____
Religion: Roman Catholic, Protestant
Currency: _____
Life Expectancy: _____
GDP per Capita: U.S. \$____,300
Literacy Percent: _____

16. In area, Canada is slightly _____ than the United States, but has only ____ percent as many people. It is one of the _____ densely inhabited and most _____ countries.
17. An est. 75% of Canadians live within _____ miles of the U.S. border.
18. Use Google to list the ten provinces and three territories:

⇒ Then, go to <http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/united-states-facts/> to fill in the information below.

19. Fast Facts – United States

Population: _____, 483,000
Capital: _____
Area: _____, 794,083 sq. miles
Language: _____, _____
Religion: Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish
Currency: _____
Life Expectancy: _____
GDP per Capita: U.S. \$ _____, 300
Literacy Percent: _____

20. The USA is the _____ largest country by size in the world, is a nation of staggering _____, geological, and _____ diversity. Occupying the middle portion of the North American continent, the country's varied landscapes run the gamut from tropical _____ in _____ to alpine peaks in the Rocky Mountains, from rolling prairie lands and barren _____ in the _____ to dense wilderness areas in the Northeast and Northwest. Interspersed throughout are some of the world's largest lakes, deepest _____, mightiest rivers, and most populous _____.

21. How would you explain the fact that despite the U.S. being a relatively young country (only 238 years!), we have enjoyed a “meteoritic rise in global importance since declaring independence from Britain in 1776?” Specifically, what kinds of advances in the past hundred years in particular have established America as a “world leader economically, militarily, and technologically?”

⇒ Last one! Go to http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/maps/united-states-regions/?ar_a=1 to label the regions of the U.S. on the map below.

