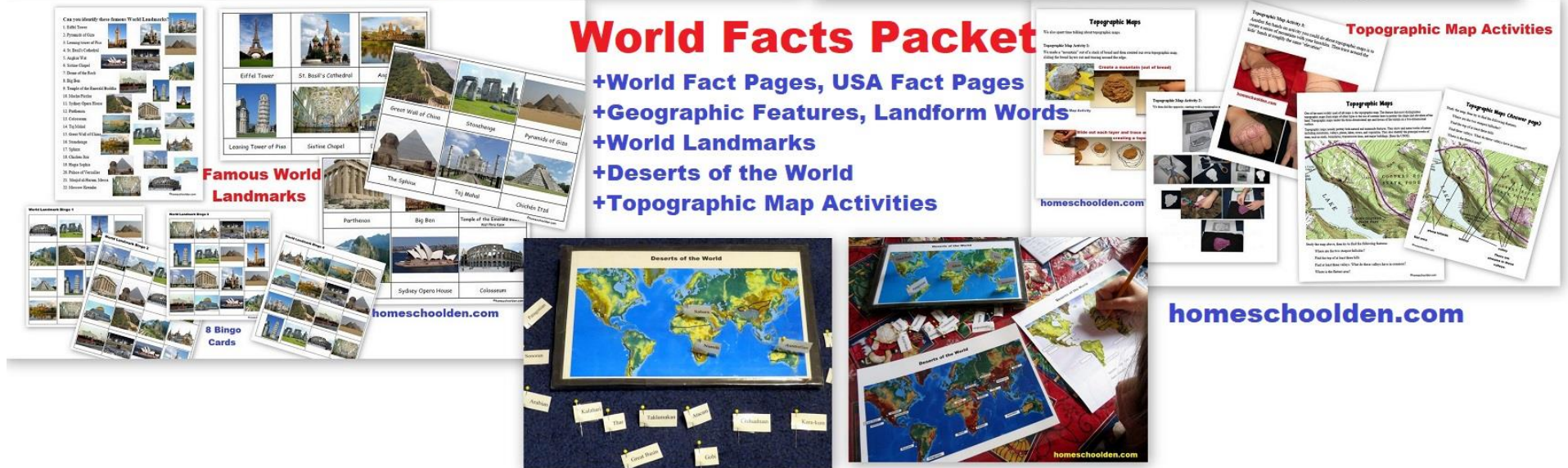


World Facts, Geographical Features, Landforms (and more!) Packet





PAGES INCLUDE:

- * Largest countries
- * Population facts
- * Major world religions
- * Facts about the US:

largest/smallest state, capital, highest mountain, longest river, rivers & lakes sheet, largest cities, neighbors


- * Blank fact sheet pages

for: Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa


- * Famous world landmarks

Geographic Features - like island, peninsula, atoll, strait, archipelago, mesa, etc.


A lake is a body of water surrounded by land on all sides.




A bay is a body of water enclosed on (almost) 3 sides by land, with a wide mouth that opens into the ocean or onto a sea. Bays usually have calm water because the surrounding land blocks some of the wind and tides.




A gulf is the technical name for a very large bay (All gulfs are bays!).




A peninsula is a piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water, but is connected to the mainland.




A cape is a headland or a promontory of large size extending into a body of water, usually the sea or ocean. Capes are generally smaller than peninsulas.




A natural arch is a rock arch in a natural rock formation where an arch has formed with an opening underneath. It is sometimes called a natural bridge.




A glacier is a large body of ice that moves and changes the landscape.




The word 'delta' often describes the high formation in a river where it meets a larger body of water.




The common way of pronouncing the Great Lakes is HOMES.




A mesa is an area of highland, usually consisting of relatively flat, elevated land that is raised significantly above the surrounding area, often with one or more sides with steep slopes.




A canal is a large artificial waterway, deeper than a lake, deeper than a ditch, and wider than a creek.





A butte is an isolated hill with steep sides and a flat top (smaller in size than a mesa).





Geography Terms and Landforms


1. island ☐ 


2. strait ☐ 


3. delta ☐ 


4. peninsula ☐ 


5. gulf ☐ 


6. lake ☐ 


7. strait ☐ 


8. cape ☐ 


9. bay ☐ 

10. canal ☐ 


11. mesa ☐ 

12. channel ☐ 


13. lagoon ☐ 

14. isthmus ☐ 


A channel is a narrow body of water between two land masses which contains two bodies of water. It is navigable by boats.




A point is a narrow body of land which contains two bodies of water. It may or may not be navigable.




A delta is a flat, low-lying piece of land between two rivers or a river and the sea, often formed by sediment.




An isthmus is a narrow strip of land, bordered on both sides by water, connecting two larger bodies of land.




An atoll is a chain of islands, often volcanic.




A delta is a flat, low-lying piece of land between two rivers or a river and the sea, often formed by sediment.




A canyon is a deep, narrow valley with steep sides, often formed by a river.




A valley is a low area of land between mountains or hills, often formed by a river or stream flowing through it.




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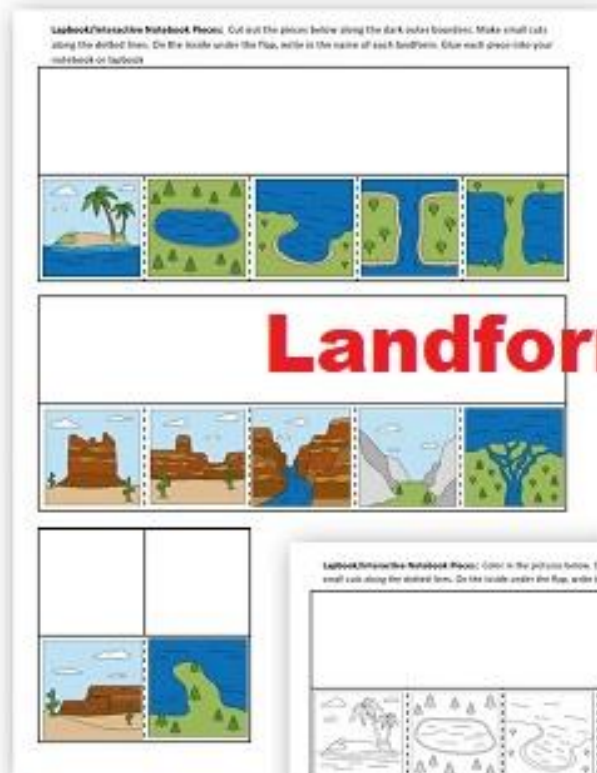
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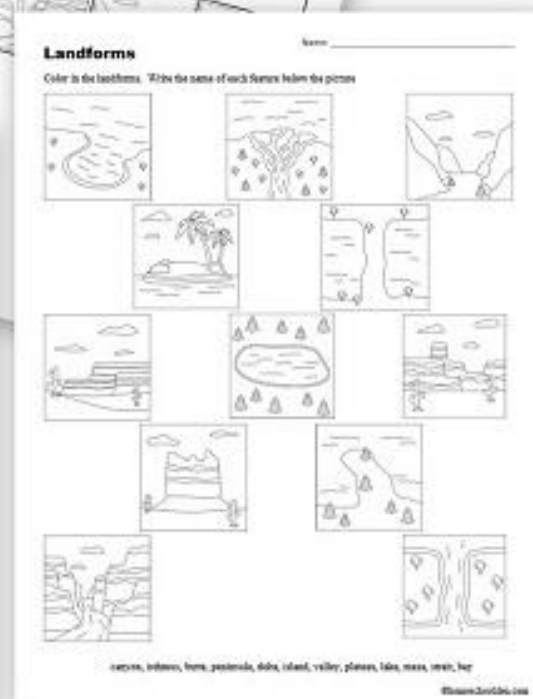
Deserts of the World



Kalahari Gobi Sahara Arabian Thar Great Basin Australian Patagonian
Nubian Chihuahuan Kyrgi-Sum Atacama Taklamakan Mojave Kalbari Sonoran



Landform Activities



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World Landmark Activities (including a bingo game that my kids enjoyed!)



World Deserts Activities



We also spent time talking about topographic maps.

Topographic Map Activity 1:

We made a "mountain" out of a stack of bread and then created our own topographic map, sliding the bread layers out and tracing around the edge.



Topographic Map Activity



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Topographic Map Activity 3:

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Another fun hands-on activity you could do about topographic maps is to create a series of mountains with your knuckles. Then trace around the kids' hands at roughly the same "elevation."



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Topographic Map Activity 2:

We then did the opposite, starting with a topographic map

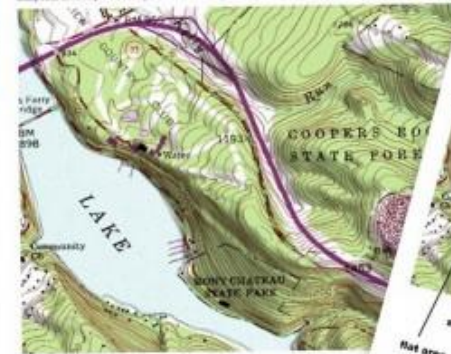


Topographic Map Activities

Topographic Maps

One of the most widely used of all maps is the topographic map. The feature that most distinguishes topographic maps from maps of other types is the use of contour lines to portray the shape and elevation of the land. Topographic maps render the three-dimensional ups and downs of the terrain on a two-dimensional surface.

Topographic maps usually portray both natural and manmade features. They show and name works of nature including mountains, valleys, plains, lakes, rivers, and vegetation. They also identify the principal works of man, such as roads, boundaries, transmission lines, and major buildings. [from the USGS]



Study the map above, then try to find the following features:

Where are the two steepest hillsides?

Find the top of at least three hills

Find at least three valleys. What do these valleys have in common?

Where is the flattest area?

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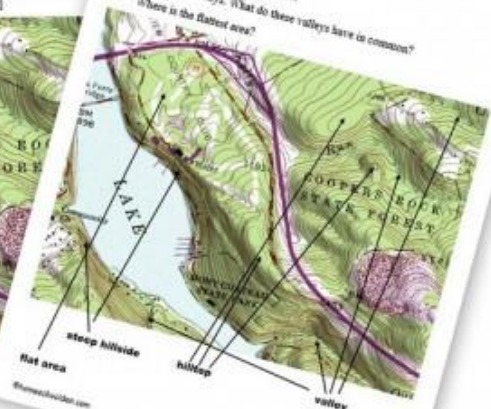
Topographic Maps (Answer page)

Topographic Maps (Ans
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Where are the two steepest hillsides?
Find the top of at least one.

Find three valleys. The

Where is the flattest area?



There are
streams in these
valleys.

