

# Picturing North America



Fifteen of the twenty-three countries are labeled on the map. Puerto Rico, which belongs to the U.S., is also labeled.

The fifteen countries include

- the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico, and the United States;
- the Central American countries of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama; and
- the Greater Antilles island nations of Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica.

Note: The eight countries and eight dependencies in the Lesser Antilles are not labeled on the map. The eight countries include Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.



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## Monday

1. When you picture a place in your mind, what kind of map are you making?

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2. Don't look at the map of North America. Which country is north of the U.S., and which country is south of the U.S.?

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## ~~Tuesday~~

1. Look at the shape of the United States on the map. Name two states that border the Pacific Ocean.

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2. Look at the shape of the United States. Name two states that border Mexico.

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## ~~Wednesday~~

1. Study the seven countries that make up Central America. Turn over the map and list as many as you can remember.

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2. Which large island is part of North America, but belongs to a country in Europe? The island territory belongs to which country?

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## ~~Thursday~~

1. Picture Alaska within the borders of the contiguous United States. Is Alaska smaller, larger, or the same size as Texas?

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2. Which island that is labeled in the Greater Antilles is not a country, but rather a part of another country?

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## ~~Friday~~

1. Study the Greater Antilles island nations. Turn over the map and name as many as you can remember.

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2. Study the waterways that are labeled on the map. Turn over the map and name as many as you can remember.

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## Challenge

Study the map of North America, making a mental picture of it. Turn the map over. On a blank piece of paper, draw a map sketch of North America. Remember to label as many countries and waterways as you can. Compare your sketch with the map.