

**Unit 1 GeoTrekks in the Western Hemisphere:**  
**Geography of the Western Hemisphere**  
Lesson 1

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## **Where in the World?**

A webquest scavenger hunt

**Using this website, look at the map of North America and answer the questions.**

[http://go.hrw.com/atlas/norm\\_htm/namerica.htm](http://go.hrw.com/atlas/norm_htm/namerica.htm)

1. Name the mountain range that extends from the United States of America and into Canada.

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2. What is the gulf the borders both Mexico and the United States?

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3. What two oceans border the eastern and western shores of North America?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the mountain range that is located along the west coast of the United States?

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**Using this website, answer the following questions.**

[http://go.hrw.com/atlas/norm\\_htm/samerica.htm](http://go.hrw.com/atlas/norm_htm/samerica.htm)

5. Name the mountain range that is located along the eastern coast of South America.

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6. Name the longest river in the South America. \_\_\_\_\_

7. In what two countries in South America can you find highlands?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name one of the archipelagos off the coast of South America.

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**Using this website about Mexico, answer the following questions.**

[http://www.immigration-usa.com/wfb/mexico\\_geography.html](http://www.immigration-usa.com/wfb/mexico_geography.html)

9. What is the climate of Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How many kilometers of coastline does Mexico have? \_\_\_\_\_

11. The natural resources found in Mexico are: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Using this website about Canada, answer the following questions.**

[http://www.immigration-usa.com/wfb2004/canada/canada\\_geography.html](http://www.immigration-usa.com/wfb2004/canada/canada_geography.html)

12. What is the climate of Canada? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Canada is the second largest country in the world. What is the largest country in the world?

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14. What are the natural resources found in Canada?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Look at this map of Central America:**

[http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/americas/centralamerica\\_ref01.pdf](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/americas/centralamerica_ref01.pdf)

15. What is the name of the sea that borders both Central and South America?

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**Critical Thinking Skills**

**Challenge yourself to discover the effects of geography on countries!**

16. How does the climate of Mexico differ from that of Canada?

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17. How does the climate of a country impact upon the way people live?

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18. Many bodies of water (oceans, gulfs, lakes, rivers and seas) are shared by several countries in North, Central and South America. How does this impact transportation between countries?

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19. How might sharing a body of water impact the way countries get along and depend upon each other?

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20. What do you think might happen if one country pollutes a body of water that it shares with another country?

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Extension Activity:

Mexico web quest

<http://www.somers.k12.ny.us/SIS/MAIN/sis/research/global/Mexico/mexico.html>