North America

ACTIVITY 19 North America: Location

Name:_____

Date:_____

Use the map of North America on page 77 (or another) to answer the questions.

1. Name the oceans that border North America.

   _____ _____ _____

2. Name four countries south of Mexico.

   _____ _____ _____

   _____

3. Name the gulf off the southeast coast of the United States. _____

4. Name the large bay in the northeastern part of Canada. _____

5. What country is east of Baffin Bay? _____

6. Is more of North America north or south of the Tropic of Cancer?

   _____

7. Which of these countries is not part of North America? (circle it)

   Honduras   Guatemala   Brazil   Cuba   Nicaragua

ACTIVITY 20 North America: Physical Features

Name:_____

Date:_____

Place each letter in the approximate area where each feature is found in North America. You may use more than one copy of the letter to indicate a feature that is found in more than one location. Use the maps on pages 76 and 77 (or others) to help you.

A. Rocky Mountains
B. Great Plains
C. Appalachian Mountains
D. Gulf of California
E. Mississippi River
F. Canadian Shield
G. Aleutian Islands
H. Caribbean Sea
I. Great Lakes
J. Gulf of Mexico
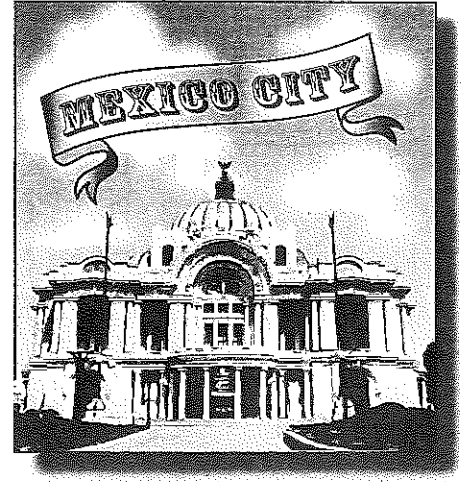
North America (cont.)

ACTIVITY 21   North America: Capitals

Name: _____

Date: _____

Match each country with its capital. Use the map on page 77 (or another) if you need help.

_____ 1. United States   a. Belmopan
_____ 2. Canada   b. Panamá City
_____ 3. Mexico   c. San José
_____ 4. Belize   d. San Salvador
_____ 5. Guatemala   e. Washington, D.C.
_____ 6. El Salvador   f. Ottawa
_____ 7. Costa Rica   g. Nassau
_____ 8. Nicaragua   h. Port-au-Prince
_____ 9. Honduras   i. Guatemala City
_____ 10. Haiti   j. Mexico City
_____ 11. Panama   k. Kingston
_____ 12. Jamaica   l. Tegucigalpa
_____ 13. Bahamas   m. Managua

ACTIVITY 22   North America: Major Features

Name: _____

Date: _____
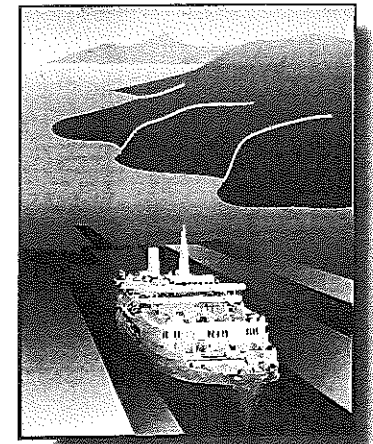
What am I?

1. I am the longest river in the United States. I flow north and south. I empty into the Gulf of Mexico.

   _____

2. I am a large lake in Canada. I am not one of the Great Lakes. I am southwest of Hudson Bay.

   _____

3. I am a canal that allows passage from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea. I am almost on the southern tip of North America.

   _____

4. I am the largest mountain system in North America. I extend from western Canada, through the western United States, to Mexico.

   _____

North America (cont.)

ACTIVITY 27   Guatemala: People and Culture

Name:_____

Date:_____

Use these facts about Guatemala to help you answer the questions.

> • Most Guatemalans live in the rugged mountains in the central part of Guatemala.
> • About half the population are Indians who wear traditional dress, speak Indian languages, and live in peasant or farm communities.
> • Ladinos are of mixed ancestry (part Indian and part Spanish) and are more likely to live in cities, attend schools longer, and hold technical jobs.
> • Guatemala's major natural resource is its fertile soil.
> • Guatemala gets a significant amount of rain.

1. What types of things do you think Guatemala is most likely to export? _____
_____

2. Why? _____

3. Which group, the Indians or the Ladinos, are more likely to control the industries and the government? _____

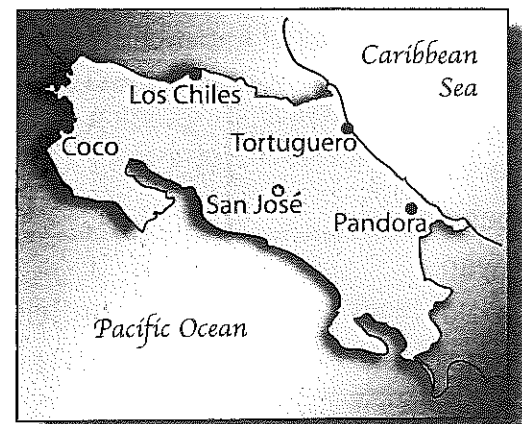4. Why? _____

ACTIVITY 28   Costa Rica: Land Area

Name:_____

Date:_____

Use the map and the information in the box to help you answer the questions.

Costa Rica Dimensions
North to South: 354 km
East to West: 382 km
Caribbean coastline: 214 km
Pacific coastline: 612 km

1. Which is a better estimate for the distance from Tortuguero to Pandora?

   368 km   112 km   198 km

2. Which is a better estimate for the distance from Coco to Tortuguero?

   380 km   350 km   278 km

3. Which is a better estimate for the distance from Los Chiles to San José?

   267 km   175 km   79 km

North America (cont.)

ACTIVITY 29 **Mexico: Rainfall and Farming**

Name:_____

Date:_____

The northern part of Mexico is a desert climate, with rainfall as low as a few inches a year. The southern part of Mexico, on the Yucatan peninsula, has a tropical climate with rainfall many times as high.

1. What differences might you expect in which crops are grown in each of these areas?

_____

_____

_____

_____

2. What differences might you expect in the farming techniques used in each of these areas?
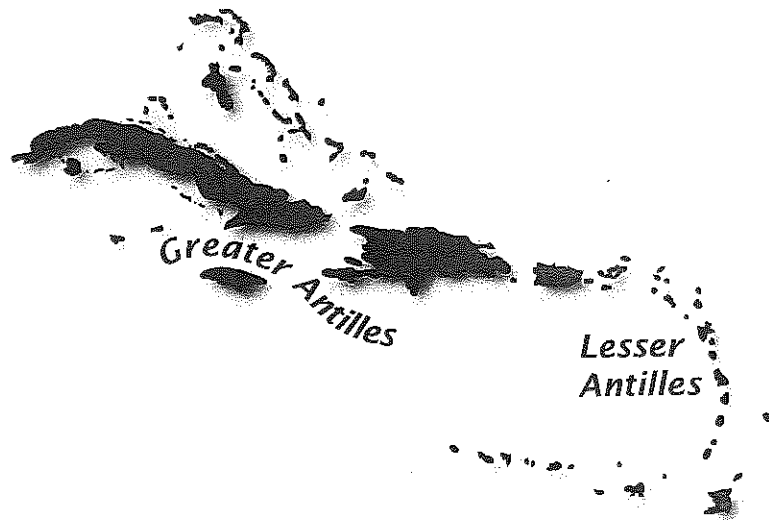
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ACTIVITY 30 **The Caribbean Islands**

Name:_____

Date:_____

By each island name, write a GA if it is one of the Greater Antilles or LA if it is one of the Lesser Antilles. Use an atlas if you need help locating the islands.

_____ 1. Cuba

_____ 2. Barbuda

_____ 3. Aruba

_____ 4. Grenada

_____ 5. Haiti

_____ 6. Barbados

_____ 7. U.S. Virgin Islands

_____ 8. Jamaica

_____ 9. St. Vincent

_____ 10. Montserrat

_____ 11. Martinique

_____ 12. Puerto Rico

_____ 13. Dominican Republic

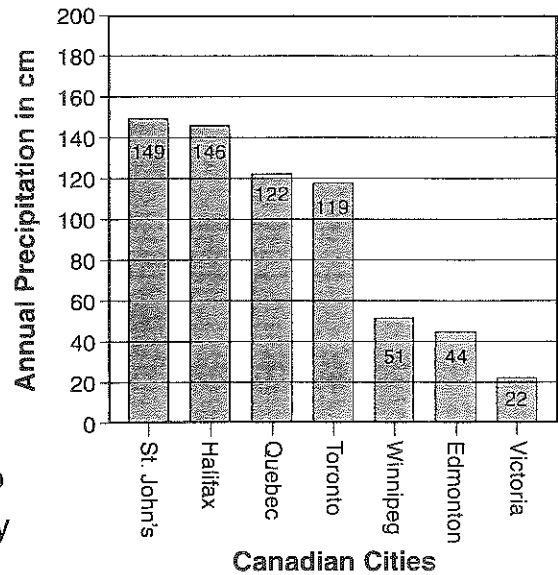# North America (cont.)

ACTIVITY 31 Canada: Annual Precipitation

Name:_____

Date:_____

Use the bar graph to answer the following questions.

1. Which three cities have greater precipitation than Toronto? _____
   _____

2. Which three cities have less precipitation than Toronto? _____
   _____

3. What is the difference in precipitation levels between the wettest city and the driest city listed? _____ cm

4. Find the cities of St. John's and Halifax on a map of Canada or a world map. Why do you think they have such high precipitation levels? _____

Annual Precipitation in Canadian Cities

Bar graph — Annual Precipitation in cm vs. Canadian Cities: St. John's 149, Halifax 146, Quebec 122, Toronto 119, Winnipeg 51, Edmonton 44, Victoria 22.
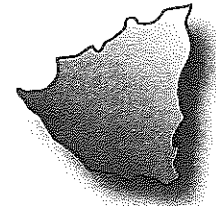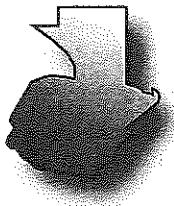

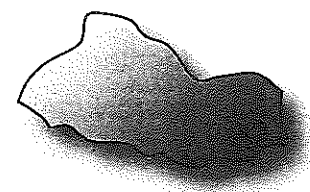**ACTIVITY 32 Central America: Political Geography**

Name:_____

Date:_____

Look at the outline of each country from Central America below. Use the map of North America on page 77 (or another) to determine the name of each country.

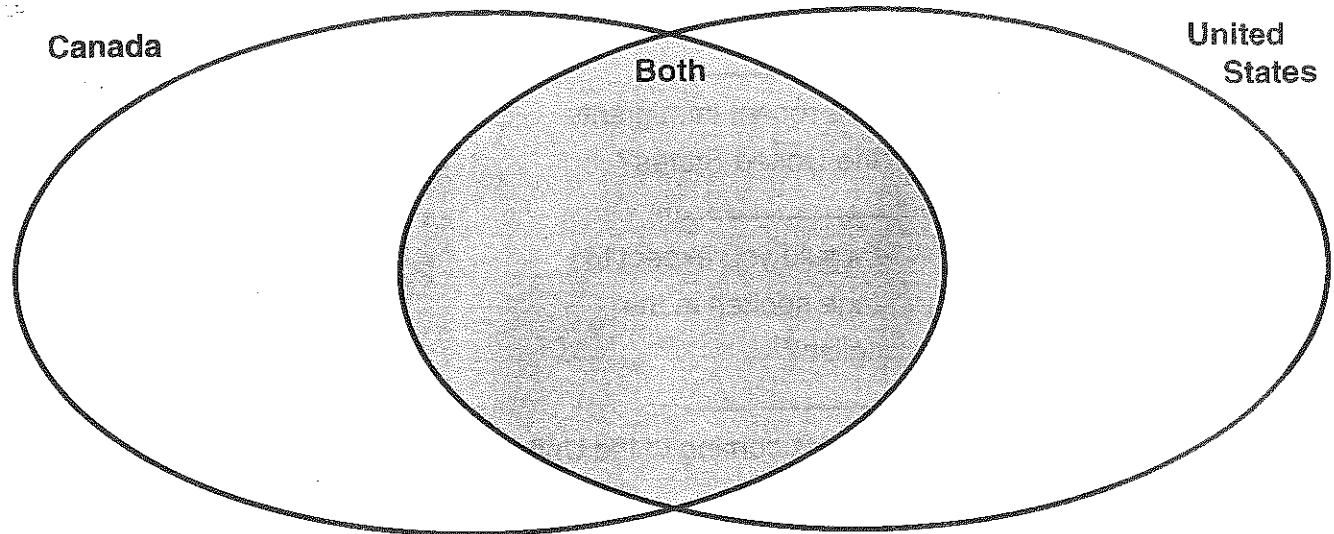1. _____   2. _____   3. _____

4. _____   5. _____   6. _____

North America (cont.)

ACTIVITY 33 Comparing the United States and Canada

Name:_____

Date:_____

Fill in this Venn Diagram with facts you have learned about the United States and Canada, such as geography, climate, culture, etc. Put those things that are the same about both in the overlapping parts of the ovals.
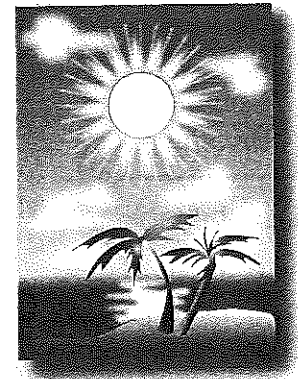
Canada   United States

Both

ACTIVITY 34 Islands of North America

Name:_____

Date:_____

Use a world map (page 76) or a map of North America (page 77) to help you name these islands.

1. Clue one: I am the largest island in North America.
   Clue two: I am 84 percent ice capped.
   Clue three: My capital city is Nuuk.
   I am _____.

2. Clue one: I am directly south of Florida.
   Clue two: I am just south of the Tropic of Cancer.
   Clue three: My capital is Havana.
   I am _____.

3. Clue one: I am one of the 50 states in the United States.
   Clue two: I am in the Pacific Ocean.
   Clue three: I am actually a series of islands, with a capital of Honolulu.
   I am _____.

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ACTIVITY 35 Immigration in the United States
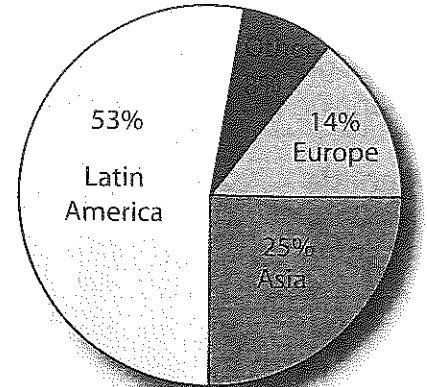
Name:_____

Date:_____

Use the pie graph to answer the following questions.

1. From where do the majority of the recent immigrants to the United States come?

_____

2. Would you expect to find more recent immigrants from China or Germany in the United States?

_____

3. From this information, what would you expect to be the most common language spoken in the United States other than English?

_____

Countries of Origin of Recent U.S. Immigrants

53% Latin America
14% Europe
25% Asia

4. Are there more recent immigrants coming to the United States from Latin America or from all other countries combined? _____

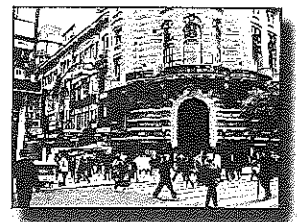## ACTIVITY 36 Population Density in the United States

Name:_____

Date:_____

State	Population (rounded)	Area (rounded)
California	35.5 million	164,000 sq. miles
New York	19 million	55,000 sq. miles
Alaska	650,000	663,000 sq. miles
New Jersey	8.5 million	8,800 sq. miles
Colorado	4.5 million	104,000 sq. miles
Wyoming	500,000	98,000 sq. miles

Use the table to help answer the questions.

1. Which of the states in the table has the largest area? _____
   the smallest area? _____

2. Which of the states has the largest population? _____
   the smallest population? _____

3. Does New York or New Jersey have more people living per square mile? _____

4. Which state of those listed is the least crowded? _____