

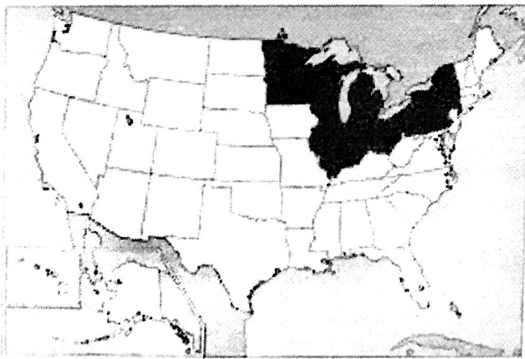
Monday
HW

Great Lakes

Name: _____

The Great Lakes are located in the north-central region of the United States. The combined area of the five lakes represents the largest collection of fresh water in the world. The lakes combined contain twenty-one percent of the world's water. The lakes contain eighty-four percent of the freshwater in North America. Lake Superior is the largest continental lake in the world. Lake Michigan is the largest lake enclosed by one country in the world. The Great Lakes are on the Canadian and United States border. The great lakes formed over ten thousand years ago. The Great Lakes have been used as a major passage of transportation and trade over many years. There are five lakes that make up the Great Lakes. Lake Ontario is the smallest lake. It has an area of seven thousand three hundred and forty miles. Lake Erie is the next largest. It has an area of close to ten thousand miles. Lake Huron is the next largest. It has an area of exactly twenty-three thousand miles. Next largest is Lake Michigan. It has an area of three hundred more miles than Lake Huron. The largest of the Great Lakes is Lake Superior. It has thirty-one thousand and seven hundred miles of area. There are approximately thirty-five thousand islands dispersed throughout all of the five Great Lakes.

The names of the Great Lakes have been influenced by many different groups of people. Lake Erie was named after the Erie Tribe. It was formed from a short form of the Iroquoian word "erielhonan." The word has a meaning of "long tail." The rest of lakes were of Ojibwe, French, and Wyandot language descent.



1. What is the given direction of the Great Lakes?
 - a. south-central
 - b. northwest
 - c. north-central
 - d. south
2. How many lakes make up the Great Lakes?
 - a. Five
 - b. Four
 - c. Three
 - d. Forty
3. The Great Lakes serve as a border to two countries. Which two?
 - a. Cuba and United States
 - b. Mexico and United States
 - c. Canada and Mexico
 - d. Canada and United States
4. What was the author trying to do in writing this passage?
 - a. Entertain the reader by telling of stories about the Great Lakes.
 - b. Entertain the reader by making jokes about the fish in the Great Lakes.
 - c. Persuade the reader that the Great Lakes are the best in the world.
 - d. Inform the reader about the Great Lakes.
5. Which tribe the name of Lake Erie?
 - a. Ojibwe
 - b. Iroquois
 - c. Cherokee
 - d. Erie

Tuesday HW

(Reread passage from Monday)

Great Lakes

Name: _____

Write a fictional narrative. You are a fisherman. The setting is in the Great Lakes. Which Great Lake will you fish in? What do you catch? Who are you with? What happens?

1. What does the combined area of the Great Lakes offer the world?
2. List the percent given of the world's water contained in the Great Lakes.
3. What percentage of North America's freshwater comes from the Great Lakes?
4. The graphic in the bottom left corner is the Great Lakes. Trace or redraw the map here:
5. Why do you think the author wrote the passage?
6. How long ago did the Great Lakes form?
7. How have the Great Lakes been used?
8. How many islands are dispersed throughout the Great Lakes?
9. What four languages contributed to the names of the Great Lakes?
10. Name the Great Lakes in order from smallest to largest.

The Gulf of Mexico is a large body of water. It borders the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. The Gulf of Mexico is surrounded by the continent of North America. It is bordered with the country of United States and Mexico. It also borders Cuba in the coast. The Mexican portion of the Gulf coastline spans 1,743 miles. The United States' portion of the Gulf coastline spans 1,680 miles. The Gulf formed more than three hundred million years ago. The bottom of the Gulf is layered with sedimentary rocks. The Gulf of Mexico is a part of the Atlantic Ocean. It is about 810 miles wide. Christopher Columbus sailed on four voyages to North America. He never arrived at the Gulf of Mexico. The first European to sail the waters of the Gulf of Mexico was Amerigo Vespucci. He sailed there in the year of 1497.

Pollution is a major problem in the Gulf of Mexico. Agricultural runoff from the Great Plains and the fertilizer from the land run in the rivers into the Gulf. Oil drilling has been catastrophic as major oil spills have cost the lives of thousands of ocean lives. There are twenty-seven thousand abandoned oil and gas wells sitting in the Gulf.



- What kind of body of water is the Gulf of Mexico?
 - small
 - large
 - skinny
 - red
- Which continent surrounds the Gulf of Mexico?
 - Atlantic Ocean
 - South America
 - North America
 - Africa
- Which type of rock layers of bottom of the Gulf of Mexico?
 - Shiny
 - Sedimentary
 - Igneous
 - Metamorphic
- What was the author trying to do in writing this passage?
 - Entertain the reader by telling of stories about the Gulf of Mexico.
 - Entertain the reader by making jokes about fish.
 - Persuade the reader that this ocean is the best in the world.
 - Inform the reader about the Gulf of Mexico.
- Who was the first European explorer to travel in the Gulf of Mexico?
 - Christopher Columbus
 - Jacques Cartier
 - John Cabot
 - Amerigo Vespucci

Thursday HW

(Reread passage from Wednesday)

Gulf of Mexico

Name: _____

1. Which states does the Gulf of Mexico border?
2. Which three countries border the Gulf of Mexico?
3. What is the lengths of the Mexican and American coastlines in the gulf?
4. The graphic in the bottom left corner is the Gulf of Mexico. Trace or redraw the map here:

Write a fictional narrative. You are a fisherman. The setting is in the Gulf of Mexico. You cannot catch fish because of pollution. What happens next?

5. Why do you think the author wrote the passage?
6. How long ago did the Gulf of Mexico form?
7. List the fact given about Christopher Columbus in the passage?
8. When did Amerigo Vespucci sail in the Gulf of Mexico?
9. Which two pollution problems are listed in the passage?
10. How wide is the Gulf of Mexico?
