



Building Vocabulary

Appalachian Mountains

Continental Divide

Great Lakes

Great Plains

Mississippi River

Rocky Mountains

Canadian Shield

permafrost

Everglades

Beringia

nomads

locks

A. Sentence Completion Select the term that best completes the sentence.

- The gently sloping _____ extend some 1,600 miles from Newfoundland to Alabama.
- The _____ is the line of highest points in the Rockies that marks the separation between rivers flowing eastward and westward.
- Some areas of northern Canada and Alaska have _____, or permanently frozen ground.
- The first inhabitants of present-day United States and Canada migrated probably from Asia over _____, a land bridge that once connected what are now Siberia and Alaska.
- In the St. Lawrence Seaway, ships are raised and lowered some 600 feet by a series of _____, sections of a waterway with closed gates where water levels are raised and lowered.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. Great Plains | a. it runs almost the length of the United States, from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico |
| _____ 2. Canadian Shield | b. they extend about 3,000 miles from Alaska south to New Mexico |
| _____ 3. Rocky Mountains | c. a rocky flat region that encircles Hudson Bay |
| _____ 4. Great Lakes | d. it flows across the Northwest Territories to the Arctic Ocean |
| _____ 5. Mississippi River | e. a swampland that covers some 4,000 square miles |
| _____ 6. Mackenzie River | f. a large treeless area, west of the Mississippi River |
| _____ 7. prevailing westerlies | g. the U.S. and Canada's most important deepwater ship route |
| _____ 8. Everglades | h. five large lakes located in the region's interior |
| _____ 9. nomads | i. the first inhabitants of the United States and Canada |
| _____ 10. St. Lawrence Seaway | j. winds that blow from west to east and affect the climate by the Pacific Ocean |

C. Writing about Geography Imagine you are biking across the United States. Using each of the following terms, write three entries in your travel journal that describes the country. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

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parliamentary government	prime minister	Dominion of Canada
province	confederation	parliament
First Nations	métis	reserves
Atlantic Provinces	Nunavut	British Columbia
Ontario	Prairie Provinces	Quebec

A. Sentence Completion Select the term that best completes the sentence.

1. In 1867, Great Britain passed the British North America Act creating the _____.
2. In Canada, the majority party's leader in Parliament becomes _____; or head of the government.
3. Many of Canada's native peoples are found on the country's 2,300 _____, public land set aside for them by the government.
4. The _____ are Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland.
5. _____ is a Core Province where a large number of Canada's English-speaking majority live.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. provinces | a. Canada's westernmost province |
| _____ 2. confederation | b. political units |
| _____ 3. parliamentary government | c. composed of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta |
| _____ 4. First Nations | d. home for many of Canada's Inuit |
| _____ 5. métis | e. most French-speaking Canadians live here |
| _____ 6. Quebec | f. people of mixed French and native peoples descent |
| _____ 7. Prairie Provinces | g. a system where legislative and executive functions are combined in a legislature called a parliament |
| _____ 8. British Columbia | h. in Canada, a loose political union of provinces |
| _____ 9. Nunavut | i. Canada's Native American peoples |

C. Writing About Geography Imagine you are a Canadian who has a friend living in the United States. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a letter to your friend which describes the differences between the Canadian government and the U.S. government. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

parliamentary government	parliament	prime minister
Dominion of Canada	provinces	confederation

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global network

biological weapon

terrorism

coalition

urban sprawl

infrastructure

sustainable community

smart growth

A. Sentence Completion Select the term that best completes the sentence.

1. Certain groups use _____ to intimidate a government or civilian population to achieve social or political goals.
2. A _____ is an alliance of nations that fight for a common cause.
3. Poorly planned development that spreads a city's population over a wider and wider geographical area is called _____.
4. _____ consists of the basic facilities, services, and installations needed for a community to function.
5. A _____ is a place where residents can live and work.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| _____ 1. coalition | a. an alliance |
| _____ 2. terrorism | b. includes roads, bridges, water supplies, and transportation networks |
| _____ 3. global network | c. a type of city plan that involves the efficient use and conservation of the land and other resources |
| _____ 4. smart growth | d. worldwide interconnected group |
| _____ 5. infrastructure | e. use of violence to achieve social or political goals |

C. Writing About Geography Imagine you are a developer who is planning to build a sustainable community near a large city. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a summary of your development plan. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

sustainable community
infrastructure

urban sprawl

smart growth