

Introduction to the Yukon Territory – Lesson Description

Lesson Overview

This lesson introduces students to the value of the online Atlas of Canada as a research tool while interpreting information about the physical and human characteristics of the Yukon Territory.

Grade Level

Grades 1 to 5

Time Required

Approximately 40 minutes is required to use the online Atlas. Extra time will be required to complete the written component and may be given as a language arts assignment or an extension assignment for social studies.

Curriculum Connection

British Columbia, Social Studies Kindergarten to Grade 7 – Environment Category; Grades 2 to 3

- create and interpret simple maps using cardinal directions, symbols and simple keys

Link to Canadian National Geography Standards

Essential Element #1 – The World in Spatial Terms (Grades 2 to 3 standard)

- location and distribution of physical and human features

Geographic Skill #2 – Acquiring Geographic Information (Kindergarten to Grade 5 skill)

- locate, gather and process information from a variety of primary and secondary sources including maps

Atlas of Canada Resources

Go to the Atlas of Canada Web site found at atlas.gc.ca The following parts of the Web site will be accessed by students during the lesson:

- Explore Our Maps
 - Reference Maps
 - Provincial and Territorial
 - Yukon Territory Map
 - Canada
 - Political Divisions (interactive) Map

Additional Resources, Materials and Equipment

- computer lab with Internet access
- Adobe Acrobat to access the PDF map (free download available from the Atlas of Canada Web site). If this is not possible, an alternate image version, JPEG, is also available.
- atlas instructions and worksheet (for the student)
- coloured pencils to draw symbols

Main Objective

Students will use the online Atlas of Canada to find basic information about the Yukon Territory using cardinal directions, symbols and the legend.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- access and use the Atlas of Canada Web site as a research tool
- describe the relative location of the Yukon Territory in Canada
- interpret the online Atlas using cardinal directions, symbols and the legend
- record data about specific physical and human characteristics using the Explore Our Maps section of the Atlas of Canada Web site
- write a creative letter as a summary of the information they have gathered

Lesson Outline

	Teacher Activity	Student Activity
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce the geographic diversity of the Yukon Territory with a video clip or short story.• Introduce the online Atlas as another tool to find geographic information about the Yukon Territory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in discussion and/or take notes on background information required.
Lesson Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute the student worksheet and Instructions worksheet to students.• Review instructions and help students access the Web site.• Monitor and assist students as they work through the activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students complete the worksheet as they work through the activity.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect the worksheet answers and letter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the worksheet and write pen pal letter using the information gathered.

Lesson Extension

This lesson could be used to introduce a larger research project on the Yukon Territory. In addition, students can research the diversity of the Yukon Territory's National Parks as there is a link provided when they are gathering information in this lesson.

Assessment of Student Learning

Collect and evaluate the worksheet.



Introduction to the Yukon Territory – Student Worksheet

Section A: Location, Location, Location!

In this section you will:

- a. find out where the Yukon Territory is in Canada
- b. record information about the Yukon Territory's neighbours

1. Do the following steps:

- a. Go to the Atlas of Canada Web site located at **atlas.gc.ca** and click on the **English** button.
- b. Find the **Explore Our Maps** section in the left-hand side of the page.
- c. Move your cursor over **Reference Maps**, then click on **Provincial and Territorial** in the pop-out menu.
- d. On the new page that appears, click on the link to the **Yukon Territory Map**.
- e. View the map as a **JPEG**.
- f. A map of the Yukon Territory will appear on the screen.

2. Using the small map of Canada in the top left hand corner of the map write down the location of the Yukon Territory in Canada. (Hint: Is it in the north, south, east or west?)

3. Write down some information about the Yukon Territory's neighbours. What province, territory or state borders the Yukon Territory to the:

- a. North: _____
- b. South: _____
- c. East: _____
- d. West: _____

4. Using the legend to find the territorial capital of the Yukon Territory. Where is it? (Describe where the capital is in the territory.)

5. Write down the name of the capital and draw the symbol used to show it on the map (remember to use the right colour for the symbol).

Name: _____ Symbol: _____

6. The Yukon Territory is home to the highest mountain in Canada. Can you find it on the map? Where is it located?

7. Write down the name of the mountain and its elevation (height) in metres.

Name: _____ Elevation: _____

Section B: Physical and Human Characteristics

Let us find out more information about the Yukon's physical and human characteristics.

- Do the following steps:
 - Find the **Explore Our Maps** menu in the left-hand side of the page.
 - Move your cursor over **Reference Maps** and then **Canada** in the pop-out menu that appears.
 - On the new page that appears, click on the link to the **Political Divisions (interactive) Map**.
 - When the maps appears, click on the **Zoom In** button above the map, then on the **Yukon Territory**. If necessary, **zoom in again** until the airport symbol becomes visible.
 - You will see a map of the Yukon Territory appear on the screen, it is different from the map used in Section A.
 - Use the information on the map and in the legend to answer the following questions.
- Find the symbol for an airport and draw it here: _____
- How many airports are there in the Yukon Territory? _____
- Write down the names of the places where the airports are located and what types of airport found at each place?

Airport Location	Type of Airport



5. Find the symbol for National Parks or National Parks area and draw and colour it here:

6. How many National Parks are there in the Yukon Territory? _____

7. Write down the names of the National Parks found in the Yukon Territory. (To find out the names, click on the **Get Info from Map** button and then click on the park.)

8. Look at the symbols for **Populated Places**. Write down the number of places in the Yukon that have a population of:

a. 1 to 4999: _____

b. 5000 to 49 999: _____



