



**Northeast Region**  
**for middle/high school**

**For  
Special  
Ed**

*Special Needs for Special Kids*





This unit was created with this guy in mind. He has autism and an intellectual disability. He is a non-reader and lives in the northeast, but he is able to do this unit, and enjoys the challenge. He is my tester!!

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This unit contains over 130 pages of material. But, don't worry!! I have included a **12 day lesson plan** to help you make the most of everything packed in this unit.

# The Northeast Region

## Lesson Plan

### Preparation

- Print out a vocabulary board for each student to use throughout unit
  - Laminate or place in page protector
- Book
  - Print out, laminate, and bind
  - OR your students can listen to the pre-recorded version
  - There are also **2 books in this unit**. One is an overview of the United States and one is specifically on the Northeast region.

### Preassessment (do day 1 before starting lesson)

- Choose the form of the assessment that best fits the learning level of your students
- Give the assessment to assess what your students may already know
- I cannot emphasize enough how important this step is. If you want to see growth, this preassessment is so important!!

### Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding*: this is a really easy way to add more structure to a matching activity. Outline or color in an empty box or sorting label. Outline or color in the corresponding picture symbols the same colors. Becomes a color matching task.
  - a. For more info, read more here:  
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2015/09/05/using-color-coding-for-differentiation/>
  - b. I also have a blog post on differentiating one activity 3 ways:  
<https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2018/10/22/differentiating-1-activity-3-ways-easily-and-effectively/>
2. *Make your own copies of the activities*: Every day I review the activity we did yesterday. For that reason:
  - a. I often complete the activity myself and often laminated it for easy review that I could use year after year.
  - b. My copies were also helpful as either a model for students who needed more support or as a way for more advanced students to self-check their work.
3. *Options for Use*: Turn any activity into a reusable file folder activity by laminating and adding Velcro.

The lesson plans contain:

Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs

## Quick Look

Day	Activity	Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Circle map</li></ul>	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Incredible Ice cream</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Color in the states</li></ul>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Student booklet</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Circle map</li></ul>	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Student booklet</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Circle map</li></ul>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Student booklet page</li></ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Circle map</li></ul>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Student booklet pages</li></ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocab board activity</li><li>• Circle map</li></ul>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment</li></ul>

*The lesson plans contain:*

*A quick look at what you will do each day*

## Day 6

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read or listen to a recording of the book on the Northeast Region. (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read through the story, asking lots of questions</li><li>• Continue to make connections between book and vocabulary board</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book</li><li>• Vocabulary board</li></ul>
Bean Bag Toss with vocabulary symbols (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glue the cut apart symbols to the paper plates (one on each plate)</li><li>• Arrange them around the room</li><li>• Students toss the bean bag trying to get it to land on a paper plate</li><li>• Students retrieve the paper plate</li><li>• Find the matching symbol on their board, or name the symbol</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A copy of the vocabulary board for each student</li><li>• A copy of the vocabulary board cut apart</li><li>• Small paper plates (you also use pieces of construction paper)</li><li>• Bean bags</li></ul>
Circle map review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review the circle map completed yesterday</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity completed yesterday</li></ul>
Circle map (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do the fourth circle map which is on the <b>landmarks</b> of the Northeast regions.</li><li>• Choose the best version (errorless or not) depending on the learning level of your students</li><li>• Students cut out symbols and place in circle map</li><li>• Make connections to the book as necessary</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• worksheet</li><li>• Scissors</li><li>• Glue</li></ul>
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each student shares their finished collage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed collage</li><li>• Communication devices</li></ul>

The lesson plans contain:

Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run

The United States is a **SYSTEM** that can be broken into 5 major parts or regions.



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## What is a REGION?

- A place that has similar characteristics that make it different or unique from surrounding areas

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This unit contains 2 books.

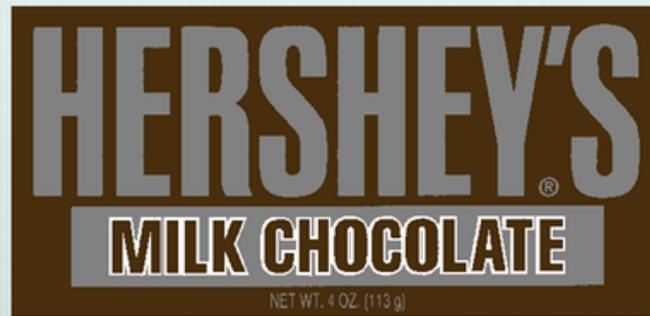
The first is a 19 page overview of the United States

It is included in every one of my geography units.



One of the most important landmarks in the country is in the Northeast. The capital of the United States is Washington DC.

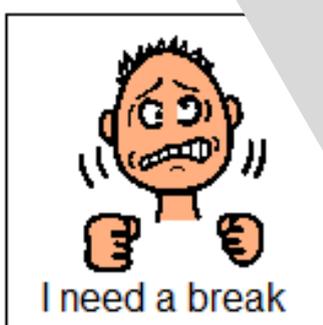
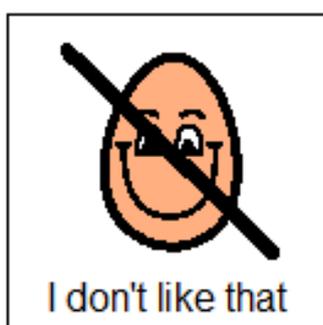
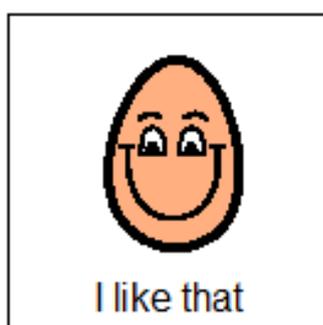
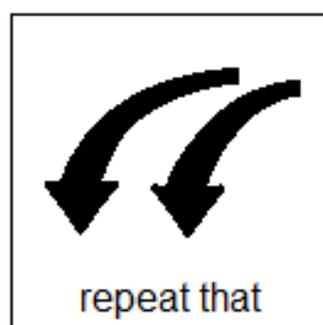
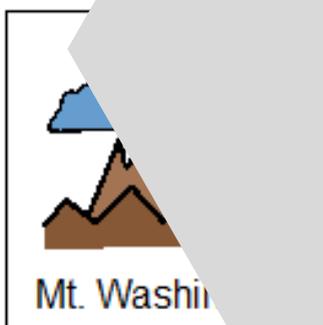
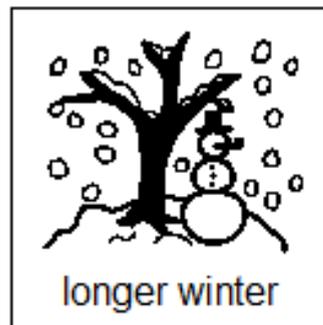
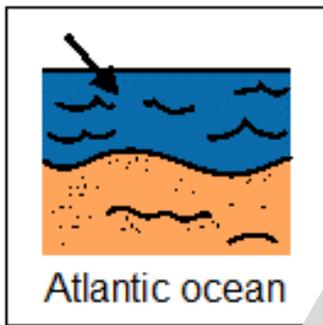
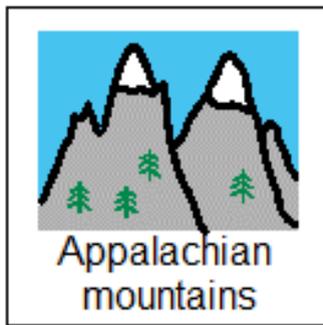
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100 years ago, Milton Hershey started a candy business in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Today people visit this landmark to see how chocolate is made and visit the park.

The other book is a 30 page review of the Northeast Region.

Both books come in a pdf version and a recorded powerpoint so you do not have to print it out.

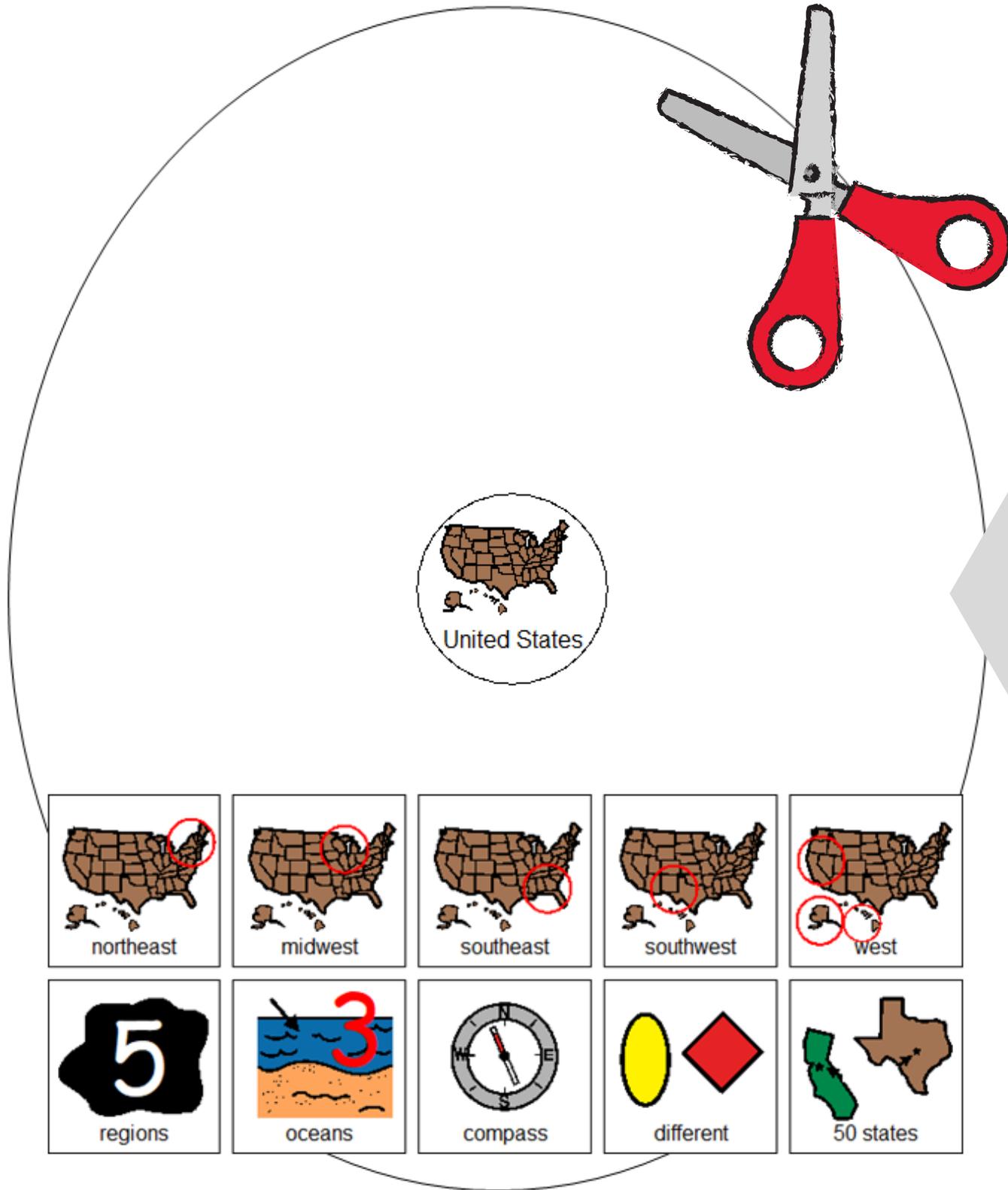


This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

Also in black and white



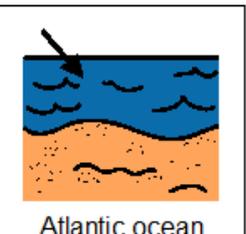
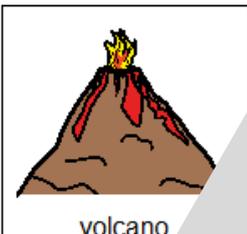
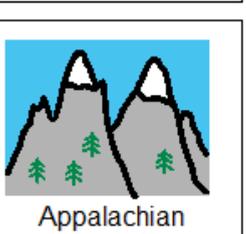
There is a circle map on a general overview of the US.

There are 2 versions. One is errorless and one has wrong answers mixed in students will have to set aside.

# Northeast Region

wrong answers  
mixed in

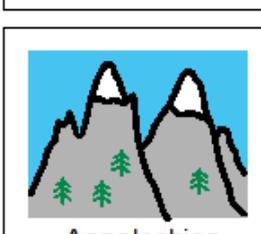
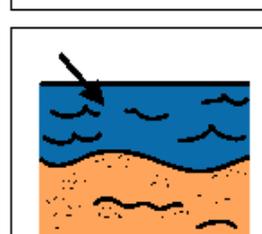


 <p>11 states</p>	 <p>northeast</p>	 <p>2 2 Great Lakes</p>
 <p>desert</p>	 <p>Atlantic ocean</p>	 <p>volcano</p>
 <p>Appalachian mountains</p>	 <p>North Pole</p>	 <p>lighthouse</p>

There are 4 different circle maps about the Northeast region in this unit.

Each circle map has an errorless version and one with wrong answers mixed in.

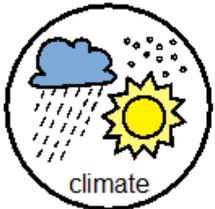
errorless

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# Northeast Region Climate

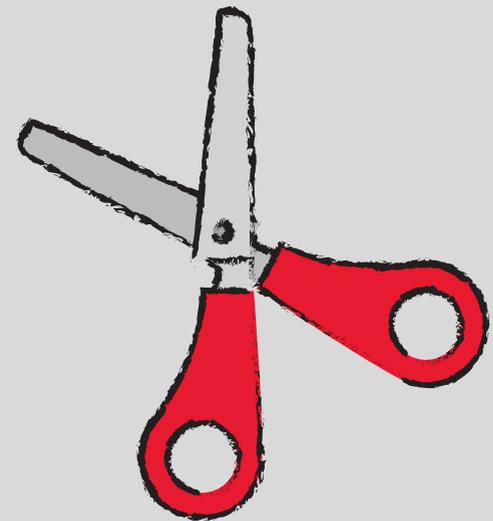
wrong answers mixed in



 4 seasons	 longer winter	 shorter summer
 snow storms	 tornados	 palm trees

 4 seasons	 longer winter	 shorter summer
 snow storms		

errorless



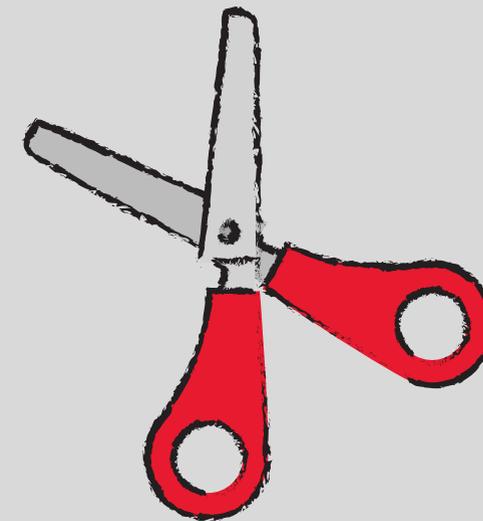
This circle map looks at the climate in the Northeast region.

# Northeast Region Natural Resources & Products

wrong answers  
mixed in



apple	syrup	cranberries	blueberries	
coal	lobster	sugar cane	paint	
newspaper	lemon	shampoo	automobiles	



This circle map looks at  
natural resources and  
products in the Northeast  
region.

errorless

newspaper	syrup	cranberries	blueberries	trees
coal	lobster	shampoo	paint	ice cream

# Northeast Region Culture and Landmarks

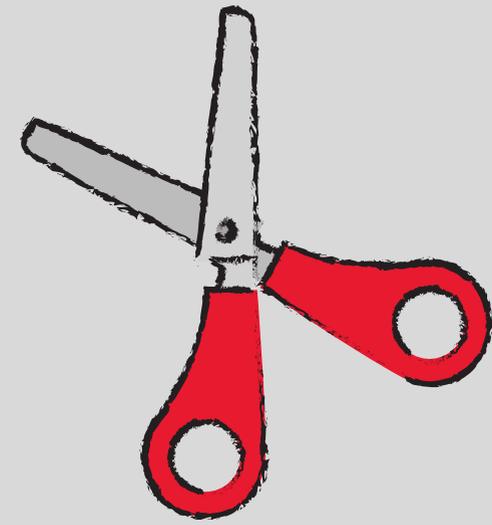
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 Washington, D.C.	 New York City	 fall leaves	 Golden Gate bridge
 Mt. Washington	 desert	 Atlantic ocean	 ice cream
 Amish	 basketball	 pueblo	 Dis
 Appalachian trails	 Appalachian trails	 seafood	 Hershey

 Washington, D.C.	 New York City	 fall leaves	 Hershey
 Mt. Washington	 Appalachian trails	 Atlantic ocean	 ice cream
 Amish	 basketball	 seafood	

errorless



This circle map looks at landmarks in the Northeast region.

Color in the Northeast States.



There is a coloring worksheet for student to locate and color in the Northeastern states.

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United States of America



There is a differentiated version with the states outlined.

differentiated

## Ingredient Labels



ice cubes



whole milk



kosher salt



sugar



vanilla



chocolate syrup

There is a picture recipe for ice cream.

This is a simple recipe that most students should be able to follow and make on their own.

# Recipe Directions

1. Combine in a baggie  
    
   
  or 
2. Place in a gallon baggie  
   
3. Place small, sealed baggie in gallon baggie.  

4. Shake for 5 minutes 
5. Eat 



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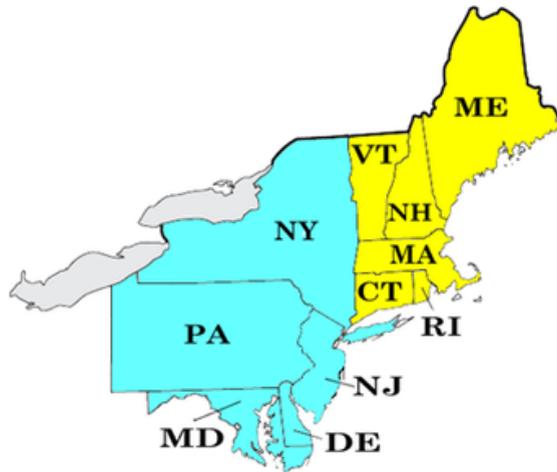
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There are 2 differentiated versions. One has dashed lines so the recipe can be cut apart.



# The Northeast Region



The Northeast is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ states.

The \_\_\_\_\_ states are **yellow**.

The \_\_\_\_\_ states are **blue**.

The \_\_\_\_\_ ocean borders this region.

There are also \_\_\_\_\_ Great Lakes in this region.

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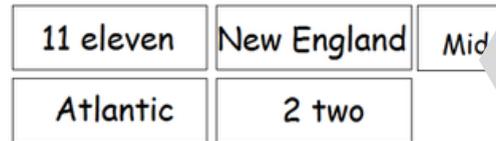
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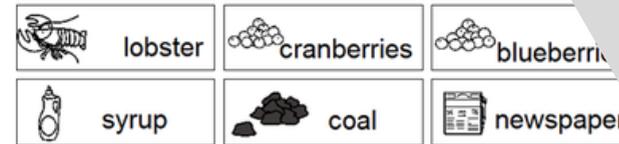
There are 7 fill in the blank worksheets for students to review the material in this unit.

Answers students can cut out and paste if needed

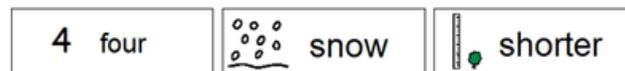
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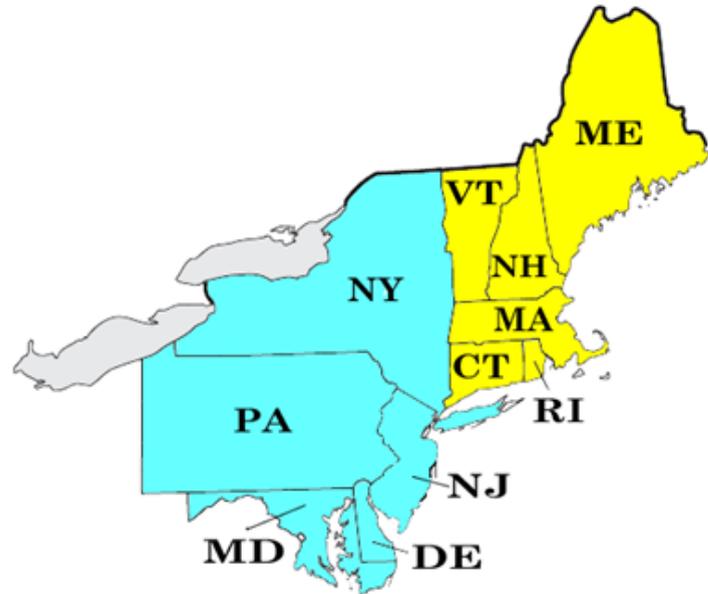
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There are picture choices that can be cut apart and glued in the blanks.

# The Northeast Region



## Climate in the Northeast

There are 4 seasons.

They get a lot of snow in the winter.

Summers are shorter.

One set of worksheets is differentiated with the correct answers in gray that students can match.



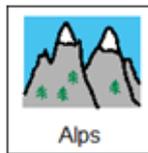
1. The Northeast is made up of how many states?

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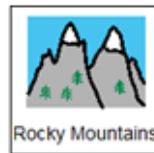
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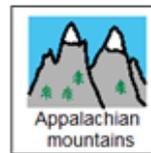
2. What mountain range and hiking trail is found in this region?



Alps

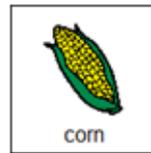


Rocky Mountains

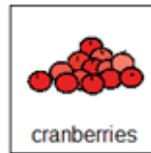


Appalachian mountains

3. What is one of the main crops in the Northeast?



corn



cranberries



wheat

4. What is gotten from the trees in the Northeast?



honey

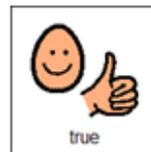


syrup

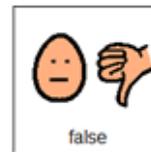


watermelon

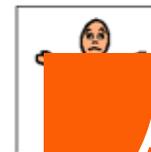
5. True or False. There is a lot of snow in the winters in the Northeast.



true



false



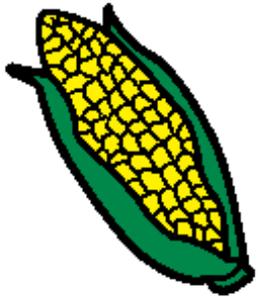
FINALLY the assessment!! There are 3 versions. This version has 10 questions with 3 picture choices for each question.

Answer key included.

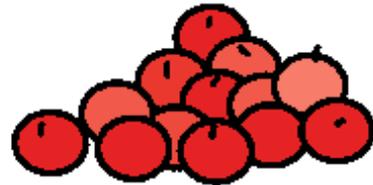
Also in black and white

Print onto cardstock or mount on index cards. Cut pictures apart and show student answer choices for each question.

Q 3



corn

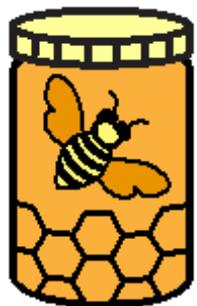


cranberries



wheat

Q 4



honey



syrup



With this version, you cut out the answer choices and glue them on index cards. Ask the student the question, and they point to the correct answer.

Also in black and white

1. The Northeast is made up of how many states?
  - A. 50
  - B. 11
  - C. 3
2. What mountain range and hiking trail is found in this region?
  - A. Alps
  - B. Rocky Mountains
  - C. Appalachian Mountains
3. What is one of the main crops in the Northeast?
  - A. corn
  - B. cranberries
  - C. wheat
4. What is gotten from the trees in the Northeast?
  - A. honey
  - B. syrup
  - C. watermelon
5. True or False. There is a lot of snow in the winters in the Northeast.
  - A. true
  - B. false
  - C. I don't know
6. What major food is made in Pennsylvania?
  - A. chocolate
  - B. waffles
  - C. spaghetti

*This is your traditional multiple choice version. It can also be used as a recording sheet if your students are using the version with index cards.*



I realize there will be some students out there unable to do cutting activities. I have a blog post with ways to complete activities without a pair of scissors!!

**[Click Here to read more!!](#)**