

# Unit 5: Regions: The Northeast

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## **Unit Overview**

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Chapter five provides detailed information about the Northeast region of the United States. The content within the chapter focuses on the land, resources, growth, and changes in the region. In addition, the chapter provides information about the Northeast today. Students explore these topics using primary sources and critical thinking skills.

(Reference myWorld Interactive, Chapter 5)

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- The Northeast has unique landforms, bodies of water, resources, and weather.
- The Northeast has played an important role in the early history of the United States.
- Immigrants helped shape the culture and economy of the Northeast and were instrumental in its growth.
- The Northeast has many urban areas and centers of commerce.

## **Essential Questions**

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### **Lesson 1: The Land of the Northeast**

- What are the physical characteristics of the Northeast region?
- What is the difference between coastal and mountain areas of the region?
- How can a physical map show landforms?
- Which bodies of water are in the Northeast?

### **Lesson 2: Resources in the Northeast**

- Which resources are plentiful in the Northeast region of the United States?
- What agricultural products come from the Northeast?
- Which features contribute to tourism in the Northeast?

### **Lesson 3: Birthplace of the Nation**

- What were the interactions like between American Indians and early settlers?
- What role did the colonies of the Northeast play in the American Revolution?
- How did abolitionists and advocates for women's rights influence the country?

### **Lesson 4: Growth and Change in the Northeast**

- What are the different waves of immigration?
- How did immigration impact the Northeast region and the United States?
- Which nineteenth-century inventions and advances in technology helped industry grow?
- What were the causes and effects of the reform movement?

### **Lesson 5: The Northeast Today**

- What factors contributed to the growth of cities in the Northeast?
- What is the difference between urban and rural lifestyles in the Northeast?
- Which landmarks are in the Northeast?
- How have cities changed over time?

## Exit Skills

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By the end of Chapter 5, students will be able to:

- Apply and accurately use domain-specific words in context.
- Make generalizations about the Northeast's coast.
- Identify how people in the Northeast use resources.
- Determine why immigrants come to cities in the Northeast.
- Explain how places in the Northeast were important to the history of our nation.
- Describe industries that have become important in the Northeast.
- Compare and contrast the experience of immigrant children today to the experience of immigrant children in the 1800's.
- Explain how the climate affects the people who live in the Northeast.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)

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| SOC.6.1.4.B.4   | Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States. |
| SOC.6.1.4.B.CS4 | Regions form and change as a result of unique physical/ecological conditions, economies, and cultures.  |
| SOC.6.1.4.B.CS5 | Patterns of settlement across Earth's surface differ markedly from region to region, place to place, and time to time.  |

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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| LA.RI.4.1 | Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.   |
| LA.RI.4.2 | Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.  |
| LA.RI.4.3 | Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.   |
| LA.RI.4.4 | Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.  |
| LA.RI.4.7 | Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. |

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| LA.RI.4.10  | By the end of year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at grade level text-complexity or above, with scaffolding as needed.  |
| LA.W.4.10   | Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. |
| LA.SL.4.1   | Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.                                  |
| LA.SL.4.1.A | Explicitly draw on previously read text or material and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.  |
| LA.SL.4.1.B | Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.  |
| LA.SL.4.1.C | Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.   |
| LA.SL.4.1.D | Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.  |
| LA.SL.4.2   | Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, and orally).  |
| LA.SL.4.3   | Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.  |

## **Learning Objectives**

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### **Lesson 1: The Land of the Northeast**

- Analyze the physical characteristics of the Northeast region.
- Distinguish between coastal and mountain areas of the region.
- Explain how a physical map can show landforms.
- Identify the bodies of water in the Northeast.

### **Lesson 2: Resources in the Northeast**

- Evaluate the resources that are plentiful in the Northeast region of the United States.
- Identify which agricultural products come from the Northeast.
- Evaluate the features that contribute to tourism in the Northeast.
- Analyze Phillis Wheatley's contribution to the colonies.

### **Lesson 3: Birthplace of the Nation**

- Analyze the interactions between American Indians and early settlers.
- Determine the role colonies of the Northeast played in the American Revolution.
- Determine how abolitionists and advocates for women's rights influenced the country.
- Determine the importance of Frederick Douglass's contributions during the women's suffrage.

### **Lesson 4: Growth and Change in the Northeast**

- Identify the different waves of immigration.
- Determine how immigration impacted the Northeast region and the United States.
- Analyze the nineteenth-century inventions and advances in technology that helped industry grow.
- Evaluate the causes and effects of the reform movement.

## **Lesson 5: The Northeast Today**

- Identify the factors that contributed to the growth of cities in the Northeast.
- Differentiate between urban and rural lifestyles in the Northeast.
- Identify the landmarks in the Northeast.
- Determine why cities have changed over time.

## **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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### **Chapter 5: Regions: The Northeast**

- Rap About It
- Quest Project-Based Learning

### **Lesson 1: The Land of the Northeast**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity

### **Lesson 2: Resources in the Northeast**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity

### **Lesson 3: Birthplace of the Nation**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Primary Source

### **Lesson 4: Growth and Change in the Northeast**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Literacy Skills

### **Lesson 5: The Northeast Today**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Citizenship

See the myWorld Activity Guide for additional resources and activities.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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**The following techniques will be implemented to check for understanding:**

- Quizzes
  - Unit tests
  - Multimedia Reports
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- Admit Tickets
  - Anticipation Guide
  - Common Benchmarks
  - Compare & Contrast
  - Create a Multimedia Poster
  - DBQ's
  - Define
  - Describe
  - Evaluate
  - Evaluation rubrics
  - Exit Tickets
  - Explaining
  - Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
  - Illustration
  - Journals
  - KWL Chart
  - Learning Center Activities
  - Multimedia Reports
  - Newspaper Headline
  - Outline
  - Question Stems
  - Quickwrite
  - Quizzes
  - Red Light, Green Light
  - Self- assessments
  - Socratic Seminar

- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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- myWorld Interactive consumable worktext
- myWorld Interactive teacher manual
- myWorld Interactive activity mats

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Nonfiction texts (The Northeast)
- National Geographics Kids (U.S. States)
- NewsELA (The Northeast)

## **Technology Infusion**

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- Webquest (The Northeast)
- Kahoot (The Northeast)
- Google Earth



## Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
Photostory 3  
Kid Story Builder  
Music Maker Jam  
Paint A Story  
Office 365  
MS PowerPoint  
Stack 'Em Up  
NqSquared Numbers  
Physamajig  
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
Skydrive  
Lync  
SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
MS Excel  
Flipboard  
Office 365  
Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen



## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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### **21st Century Skills & Technology:**

- English Language Arts
- Technology
- Mathematics
- Visual and Performing Arts

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## **Differentiation**

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**The following differentiation strategies will be utilized:**

- As needed, provide more instruction that is on level or below grade level for the students who are struggling.
- Monitor progress, reteach as needed, and extend student thinking.

- Utilize multiple intelligences teaching strategies.

### **Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

### **Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers

- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

### **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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**The following strategies will be employed for students with IEP's and 504's:**

- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan.
- Check work frequently for understanding.
- Extended time on tests/quizzes
- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format

- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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**The following strategies will be employed for English Language Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
  - Using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify.
  - Allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning.
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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
  - using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
  - allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
  - allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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### **The following strategies will be employed for At Risk Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
- Teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information.
- Tutoring by peers.
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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### **The following Talented and Gifted adaptations will be employed:**

- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery.
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor.
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities.
- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit

- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## Sample Lesson

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Using the template below, please develop a **Sample Lesson** for the first unit only.

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: