

Session 1: Labeling a Map of the World

Materials

- Outline map of the world for each student (see <http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/>)
- Colored pencils
- Desk atlas
- Textbook

Instructional Activities

1. Provide each student with an outline map of the world, colored pencils, and a desk atlas.
2. Have students label the following items on their maps:
 - The seven continents
 - The five oceans
 - The eight geographic regions of North America
 - The major oceans, gulfs, lakes, and rivers of North America, including the
 - Pacific
 - Atlantic
 - Mississippi
 - Gulf of Mexico
 - Great Lakes.
3. After students have completed their maps, have them answer the following questions:
 - What are some distinguishing physical, geographical features of the four hemispheres?
 - How do these features reflect the climate and the ways individuals live in these hemispheres?
4. Have students use the information from these maps later to develop a game of “Geographical Pursuit” (see Session 9).