

The United States and Canada

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about the physical geography, climate, vegetation, and natural resources of both the United States and Canada
- about the population, culture, government, and economy of the United States and Canada

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 3: Physical Geography: United States and Canada

Rain or shine. Talk about the weather and climate where you live. Discuss how this affects your daily activities. Then talk about the effects it has on plant life and businesses in your city or town.

Chapter 4: The United States Today

Patchwork quilt. The United States has been called a “patchwork quilt” because it combines many cultures. Talk with your child about relatives, neighbors, and friends from different places who have settled in this country. Discuss how to make people feel “at home” in your neighborhood.

Chapter 5: Canada Today

United we stand. Some people want Quebec to become a separate country. Discuss the pros and cons of living in a united country.

Make It

Local attractions. Many people immigrated to the United States and Canada. Climate, jobs, and education attracted them to different areas. Make a poster that would attract people to move to where you live.

Read to Learn More About It

Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America by Jim Murphy. Readers learn about the blizzard of 1888 that devastated the Atlantic seaboard.

We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History by Phillip Hoose. Readers discover biographies of dozens of young people who made a mark in American history, including explorers, planters, spies, cowpunchers, sweatshop workers, and civil rights workers.

Wow Canada! Exploring This Land from Coast to Coast by Vivien Bowers. A family’s lighthearted look at traveling through Canada is presented here.



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