



BE A GOOD SPORT!

DESCRIPTION:

Geography and sports are combined to help find different locations of various cities.

GRADE LEVEL:

Upper primary through High School

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

When my students finish this activity they will be able to:

1. Locate different cities in the United States
 - TEKS Alignment - 113.18.b.4.D - identify and locate major physical and human geographic factors such as landforms, water bodies, and urban centers of various places and regions;
2. Use inference to determine where certain names come from.
 - TEKS Alignment - 113.19.b.21.B - analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions;

FUNDAMENTAL THEMES:

Location

Place

Region

RELATED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Language Arts

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CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

1. The teacher will pass out an outlined map of the United States.
2. Teacher will go over the directions with the students.
3. Teacher will divide students into groups of two or three (make sure that you mix boys and girls).
4. Each group will be given an atlas to look up the population for each of the cities.
5. Whichever group finishes first can win a small prize.

MATERIALS:

1. Outline map of the United States (see sample)
2. Sports Map Answer Sheet
3. Atlas for each group

EVALUATION:

This could be used as an introduction to the United States or a chapter on cities. This could also be done just for fun!

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Directions: Using the outline map of the United States you just received, read the following hints and descriptions of the locations of major league sports teams. Decide which numbered city is the location of the team described and mark that number under "Location #" on the answer sheet provided. Not all numbered cities will be used. Then fill in the name of the city, the team name, and the city's population under those headings. You will have to use the atlas to find the city population figures. Have Fun!

1. This NFL team's emblem comes from the symbol on the top of the totem poles built by Indians native to this Northwestern seaboard area.
2. This city has two professional baseball teams--one named after the city and the state in which it is located and the other after a transplant team from Brooklyn.
3. The California gold rush gave rise to this NFL team's name.
4. This baseball team's name is a shortened version of a word used to describe members of the United States' NASA exploration teams who lived nearby.
5. These two NBA teams reflect the cowboy heritage of the two different cities they represent. (two answers)
6. This NFL team is named for an entire population area and represents people who fought for freedom in 1776.
7. This baseball team represents two northern cities which sit side-by-side across a great river.
8. This NFL team was named after the fighting ancestors of many of the Scandanavian settlers of the area.
9. This NFL team's name describes their typical defensive line as well as the major

industry of the area.

10. This NBA team's name came from the importance of the Boeing Aircraft plant located in this city.
11. This NBA team was named to honor the Irish immigrants which make up a large portion of this city's population.
12. This NBA team's name commemorates the year in which the Declaration of Independence was signed.
13. This NFL team gained its unusual name from the meat-packing industry important to the area.
14. This NBA team resides in the "Motor City."
15. This mountain city grew rapidly due to the discovery of gold and silver. Its NBA team's name reflects the influence of these valuable minerals.
16. The product which made "this city famous" is reflected in the name of its baseball team. The team could use the product to celebrate after the game.
17. This baseball team is a favorite throughout the nation. It is even supported by many "rebels" in the South.
18. This NBA team recently moved from its original home to another nearby city. However, the team is still located in a major port city and the team's name still represents the fast sailing vessels so important to the early China Trade.
19. This NFL team's name came from the "black gold" which helped to make the city one of the most important refining cities in the country.
20. In this southwestern city, you can get a tan year round. Its NBA team's name reflects the importance of the climate in the area.
21. These two teams, one a NFL and the other a baseball team, are located next to one of the Great Lakes and have an adult and baby mascot.
22. What NFL team is named for our country's first inhabitants?
23. This NBA team is named for royalty.
24. These two teams, one in the NBA and the other NFL, are located in a large southeastern city. The mascots for these teams are both endangered species.
25. This NBA team knows how to take the "heat".

SPORTS MAP ANSWER SHEET

Location #	City/State	Team Name	Population
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SPORTS MAP ANSWER SHEET

	Location #	City/State	Team Name	Population
1.	<u>20</u>	<u>Seattle, Washington</u>	<u>Seahawks</u>	_____
2.	<u>22</u>	<u>Los Angeles, Ca.</u>	<u>Angels</u>	_____
			<u>Indians</u>	_____
3.	<u>21</u>	<u>San Francisco, Ca.</u>	<u>49ers</u>	_____
4.	<u>2</u>	<u>Houston, Tex.</u>	<u>Astros</u>	_____
5.	<u>3</u>	<u>San Antonio, Tex.</u>	<u>Spurs</u>	_____
	<u>1</u>	<u>Dallas, Tex.</u>	<u>Mavericks</u>	_____
6.	<u>27</u>	<u>Boston, Mass.</u>	<u>Patrists</u>	_____
7.	<u>26</u>	<u>Minneapolis, Minn.</u>	<u>Twins</u>	_____
		<u>St. Paul</u>		
8.	<u>26</u>	<u>Minneapolis/St. Paul</u>	<u>Vikings</u>	_____
9.	<u>5</u>	<u>Pittsburg, Pa.</u>	<u>Steelers</u>	_____
10.	<u>20</u>	<u>Seattle, Wash.</u>	<u>Supersonics</u>	_____
11.	<u>27</u>	<u>Boston, Mass.</u>	<u>Celtics</u>	_____
12.	<u>7</u>	<u>Philadelphia, Pa.</u>	<u>76ers</u>	_____
13.	<u>15</u>	<u>Green Bay, Wis.</u>	<u>Packers</u>	_____
14.	<u>17</u>	<u>Detroit, Mich</u>	<u>Pistons</u>	_____
15.	<u>19</u>	<u>Denver, Co.</u>	<u>Nuggets</u>	_____

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| 16. | <u>28</u> | <u>Milwaukee, Wis.</u> | <u>Brewers</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 17. | <u>13</u> | <u>New York, N.Y.</u> | <u>Yankees</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 18. | <u>22</u> | <u>Los Angeles, Ca.</u> | <u>Clippers</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 19. | <u>2</u> | <u>Houston, Tex.</u> | <u>Oilers</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 20. | <u>29</u> | <u>Phoenix, Ariz.</u> | <u>Suns</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 21. | <u>30</u> | <u>Chicago, Ill.</u> | <u>Bears</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| | | | <u>Cubs</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 22. | <u>31</u> | <u>Washington, D.C.</u> | <u>Redskins</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 23. | <u>32</u> | <u>Sacramento, Ca.</u> | <u>Kings</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 24. | <u>33</u> | <u>Atlanta, Ga.</u> | <u>Falcons</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| | | | <u>Nawks</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| 25. | <u>34</u> | <u>Miami, Florida</u> | <u>Heat</u> | <u>_____</u> |

United States

