

COUNTRY IN CONTRAST

A TWO-PLACE GEOGRAPHIC CASE STUDY

Choose two noticeably different places within one country. Investigate how geography shapes each place, then use evidence to explain what their similarities and differences reveal about the country.

NAME _____

DATE _____

COUNTRY _____

BOOK _____

1 SELECT TWO PLACES

PLACE A _____

PLACE B _____

Why is this an interesting pair to compare?

2 MAP THE PLACES

Add or sketch a country map. Label both places, the capital, one important physical feature, and one geographic reference point.

MAP CHECK

- ☐ Place A
- ☐ Place B
- ☐ Capital
- ☐ Physical feature
- ☐ Coast, border, river, or neighboring country
- ☐ Map key

3 BUILD TWO PLACE PROFILES

Where is it within the country? _____

Landscape and climate: _____

Important human features: _____

How does geography influence travel, work, buildings, or land use? _____

One notable fact: _____

PLACE B

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Landscape and climate: _____

Important human features: _____

How does geography influence travel, work, buildings, or land use? _____

One notable fact: _____

COMPARE + INTERPRET



4 MOST IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

What is the most significant geographic difference between the two places?

5 UNEXPECTED SIMILARITY

What meaningful similarity do they share?

6 GEOGRAPHY'S INFLUENCE

Choose one difference in land, climate, water, or location. How does it help explain a difference in transportation, work, buildings, food production, recreation, or daily life?

7 ILLUSTRATE THE CONTRAST

Choose one feature that differs between the places. Draw or diagram how it appears in each location. Add evidence-based labels.

FEATURE: _____



PLACE A



PLACE B

8 CHALLENGE THE GENERALIZATION

These places show that this country cannot simply be described as _____

because _____



9 BOOK CONNECTION

Which place is more closely connected to the book?

How did your research confirm, expand, or complicate the book's portrayal of the country?



SOURCES: Record at least two reliable sources.

