

## Instructions:

- 1. Give students a sheet of construction paper and have them fold it in half the long way.
- 2. Students should glue the map of North Carolina onto the construction paper. I have included three different maps to choose from. If you choose a map with no words on it, students can cut out and glue down labels for region and city names.
- 3. Students should cut through the top layer of the construction paper only to cut the map into thirds. Since the regions divide diagonally the cuts will not be perfectly on the region lines. I had my class measure 4 inches for each section since my construction paper was 12 inches long.
- 4. Students should be given a Chart for each of the regions to glue to the inside of the foldable. Make sure the mountain Chart is glued under the left flap, the Piedmont in the middle, and the Coastal Plain to the right.
- 5. Students Can use a textbook, Internet, or other sources to find the required information to put into the Chart. Or they Can take the information from the included article.
- 6. Under each chart students should illustrate items related to that region. For example, in the Coastal Plain section they might draw a beach.
- 7. Students Can add any extra Color to the map to make it more attractive.

## <u>Map Labels</u>

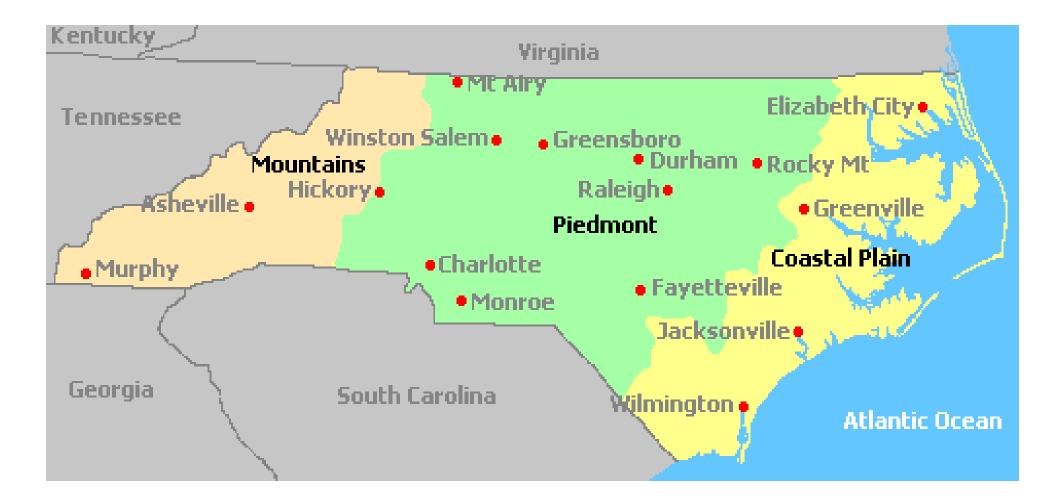
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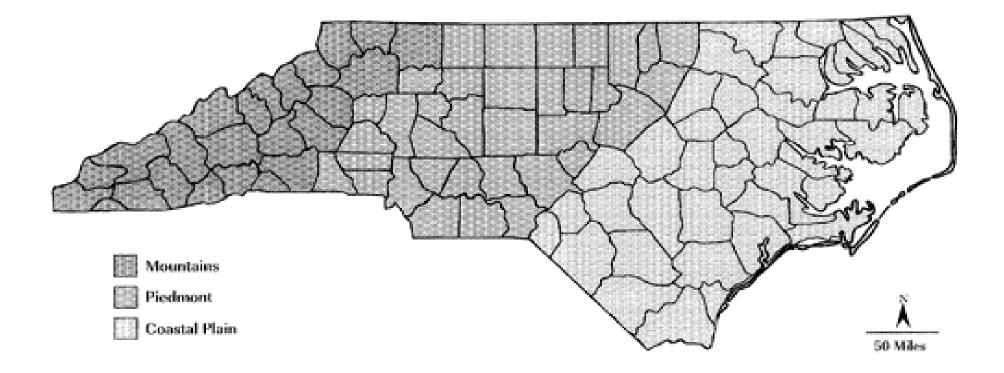
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## North Carolina Regions



## North Carolina's Three Regions

The state of North Carolina is broken into three main regions each with its own unique characteristics. They are the Coastal Plain region, the Piedmont region, and the Mountain region.

The Coastal Plain is between the Atlantic Ocean and the Piedmont region. It is known for huge sand ridges, islands, swampy lowlands, and sounds. About two thirds of the state's threatened or endangered species make their homes in this region's wetlands. The elevation goes from sea level to about 500 feet. The Coastal Plain's Climate is marked by long, hot and humid summers with lots of rain, and mild winters. Major Cities include Wilmington, Fayetteville, and Jacksonville. Phosphate and industrial sand are important minerals of the region. The economy of this region is centered around farming, fishing, manufacturing, and service industries such as education, tourism, and films. Many TV shows and major movies have been filmed in this region including Iron Man 3.

The Piedmont region, which covers a little less than half of the state, is located in the middle of the state between the Coastal Plain and the Mountains. Piedmont is a French word meaning "foot of the mountain" which accurately describes the flat, high land and gently rolling hills that lead up to the Mountain region. Charlotte is the largest City in both the region and the state with Raleigh Coming in second. Other major Cities include Durham, Greensboro, Winston Salem, and High Point. Like the Coastal Plain the Piedmont has long, hot summers. The winters tend to be colder than the Coastal Plain with occasional snow. The economy of this region is diverse including farming, furniture making, education, banking, government, and technology. Minerals found in this area include Clay, granite, and Crushed stone.

The Mountain region is on the western side of North Carolina. The Appalachian Mountains cover this region and includes the highest peak in the eastern United States, Mount Mitchell at 6,684 feet. There are few urban areas in this part of the state with Asheville Claiming the title of largest City. The Climate of this region is milder in the summer than the rest of the state. However the winters are a lot Colder with regular snow and ice. Farming is important to the mountain region's economy. Farmers raise livestock or grow fruits and vegetables. Forests are essential to this region's economy with trees being used for Christmas trees or made into paper products or building supplies. Other industries include textiles, food products, plastics, and electronics. Mining of feldspar, mica, kaolin, and quartz is popular as well as digging granite, marble, limestone, and talc from the mountains.

As you can see, North Carolina is a state with diverse landforms, Climate, and more. Many people visit North Carolina every year to enjoy all it has to offer.

<u>Coastal Plain Region</u>	Piedmont Region	Mountain Region
<u>Climate:</u>	<u>Climate:</u>	<u>Climate:</u>
<u>Major Cities:</u>	<u>Major Cities:</u>	<u>Major Cities:</u>
<u>Landforms:</u>	Landforms:	Landforms:
Minerals:	<u>Minerals:</u>	<u>Minerals:</u>
Economy:	Economy:	Economy:
<u>Something Interesting:</u>	<u>Something Interesting:</u>	<u>Something Interesting:</u>

