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LM 1.2

Physical Regions of Canada—Organizer

Read pages 18–23 of your textbook. Consider which of the five themes of geography is being described for each region, and categorize the information into the correct theme.

| Physical Region of Canada | Five Themes of Geography | | | | |
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| | Place | Location | Region | Interaction | Movement |
| Canadian Shield | -Ancient volcanic mountain range -flat, many exposed rocks, lakes, wetlands | From Arctic Islands, south to the US border & east across Labrador | Central Canada Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba | Thin soils unstable for farming -mining & forestry | Difficult to build roads Bush planes to the North |
| Arctic | -Plains, lowlands, mountains -islands -oil & natural gas deposits -glaciers | Northern edge of Canada, 1000 km across Many northern islands | The north The arctic Nunavut | Mining oil, diamonds & natural gasses -low population | -Remote and harsh locations make travel difficult |
| St. Lawrence Lowlands | -Lakes drained creating bluffs and smaller lakes -fertile sandy soil left behind | Between Lakes Huron, Erie & Ontario Extends along banks of St. Lawrence River to Quebec City | Southern Ontario & Quebec | Fertile soils made it great for farms & orchards | St. Lawrence river and the great lakes provided easy transportation of good and materials out of Canada |
| Interior Plains | -large areas of mostly flat land, rolling hills and river valleys | Stretches from Canadian shield to the Cordillera mountains | Prairies -Manitoba -Sask. -Alberta | -Lots of farms and ranches -mining of natural gasses | Flat lands make travel very easy by foot |
| The Cordillera | - mountain ranges, valleys, glaciers -Forests | Located in BC and Yukon part of mountain chain that stretches from Alaska to Chile | West coast -B.C. -Yukon | -Mining gold, copper & coal -forestry -fertile soil for orchards | Fraser river, vital transportation for the FN peoples and Europeans |