

Regions of the United States Region Suitcases

- We have embarked on our journey across the United States as travel agents. Your job for this assignment is to entice visitors to come to the region you and your partner are specializing in. You will be enticing them by creating a "suitcase" to show them what there is to know about your region.
- First, you need to look up information on your region. You must have information from at least three sources. You can conduct your research a couple of different ways. One is to use your social studies textbook; it has a lot of solid information. The Internet is always a wealth of information. I have provided a link on the class website that links to different fact-finding websites. Books are another great source of information. You can head to the New-Albany Floyd County Public Library. They have lots of books there that are organized by state. You could also check out some books from the school library.
- You need to include the following information, maps, and resources in and on your suitcase.
 - General information: Name of region, names of states, state nicknames, state symbols, state birds, state flowers, and state trees
 - People: population, schools, libraries, museums
 - Land and Climate: what the weather is like, interesting landforms
 - Economy: how they make money
 - Government: important people in politics (past and/or present)
 - History: how the states were formed, dates
 - Interesting Facts: places to visit, annual events
 - Outline map of your region (Front of suitcase)
 - ♣ Plot the states and capitols
 - ♣ Landforms
 - ♣ State parks, landmarks
- Remember, you are trying to get people to vacation to your region. Enticing pictures and vivid descriptions will help your potential visitors make a decision.
- List at least three of your sources below, and turn this sheet in with your final product.

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Region Suitcase Rubric

Region:

| | Above & Beyond - 5 | Average - 3 | Poor - 1 |
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| Grammar, punctuation, spelling | There are no grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors | There are few grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors | There are many grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors |
| Neatness | Extremely neat | Neat | Sloppy |
| Effort in class/On time | Contributed to group/turned in on time | Worked in class/turned in on time | Does not meet standards |
| Region map contains variety of info: rivers, lakes, capitals, etc. | Map is brightly colored and contains all states and capitals along with several rivers, landmarks, and landforms | Map contains all states and capitals | Map is present |
| At least three resources listed | Three different types of resources are listed | Three resources are listed | Less than three resources are listed |
| Suitcase contains information on all topics listed | Suitcase contains detailed information on all topics listed | Suitcase contains information on all topics listed | Suitcase does not contain info on all topics listed |
| Creativity | Group grabs the attention of potential visitors with a creative pitch | Group attempts to grab the attention of potential visitors | Group does not use a creative pitch to grab visitors |

Additional Comments:

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