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Canadian Province or US State Research Guide

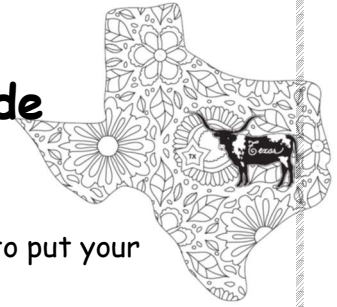
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Use the areas below to take notes about your province. Use books, encyclopedias, reputable online sources to find at least 5 facts about each area below. Write them in complete sentences. Add more paper for notes if needed.

History (Immigration, Native People, Politics)	Landforms/Water bodies
Capital City/Other Major Cities Described	Industries/Exports/Crops
Land Area/Population/Culture (Ethnicity/Religion/Etc)	Natural Resources/Wildlife
Climate	Clip Art Ideas/Province Flag & Symbols/Fun Facts

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Now that you've gathered the information on your state or province, it's time to put your facts together in an organized way. Use your notes to plan.

Introductory Paragraph

Begin with an interesting fact, question, or topic sentence for your topic. Examples:

Fact: Wisconsin has diverse industries, amazing landforms, and plentiful recreational activities.

Question: Delaware is an amazing state--did you know Delaware was the first state admitted to the United States of America?

Topic Sentence: There are numerous reasons British Columbia is the most fascinating place in the world.

Make sure this paragraph is a broad overview of your entire topic. Don't give away too many details that will be necessary in later sections. Keep the first paragraph simple and share your organizational outline with the reader.

Example:

You may know California is one of the United States' largest states, but you may not realize it's also remarkable in many other ways. California is a state with unique history, exciting industries, and people from a variety of backgrounds. It also contains many natural resources, breathtaking landforms, and cities of every variety. Let me tell you all about California.

Hints

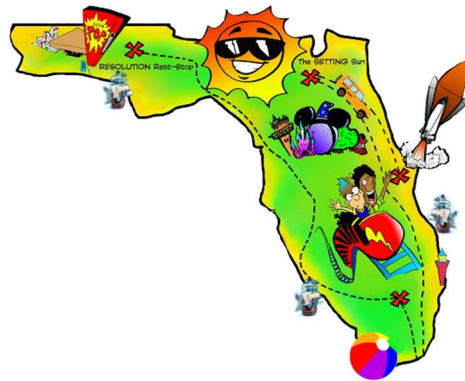
- Begin each sentence with a different word.
- Sentences should also vary in length (some short, some long)
- Make sure each sentence is complete with a capital letter in the beginning and punctuation at the end.
- Pretend you are teaching the reader about the place. It's your job to inform them. Make it personal to them by speaking directly to them or by using descriptive language.
- Look up the correct pronunciation of your state/province so you know how to say it.

Write your introductory paragraph below:

Read your writing to yourself to make sure you didn't make any careless errors. Look at your spelling. Are all of your words spelled correctly? How will you check to make sure your spelling is accurate? You could use a dictionary, app, word processing program, etc. Spelling errors can be very distracting for your reader. Have you put your facts into your own words rather than copying from your resource?

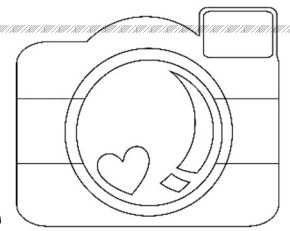
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- Are all beginnings of all sentences capitalized?
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- Did you check the spellings of unfamiliar words?
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Thanks to <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Preptoon-Bring-Math-To-Life-Using-Visuals> and <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Edwin-Donnelly> for the cute clip art. <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Krista-Wallden>

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Clip Art ~ Picture Worth 1,000 Words

Think about the clip art you'd like to include to share your topic with your audience. Choose carefully. Plan to include between 5-7 pictures.

Some ideas may include:

- Outline map
- Flag & Symbols
- Major Landforms (tallest mountain, huge bay, scenic beach, etc.)
- Important Cities (Capital city, largest city, historic city, etc.)
- Major Products (Mining, forestry, manufacturing, Agriculture, etc.)
- Stunning Scenery
- Culturally Significant Picture (Holiday, ethnic festival, etc.)
- Significant Landmark (Statue, Tower, Natural Wonder, etc.)

Select your 5-7 pictures. Save these pictures on a flash drive in file named after your topic.

Tips for editing pictures

To move pictures where you'd like them in Microsoft word:

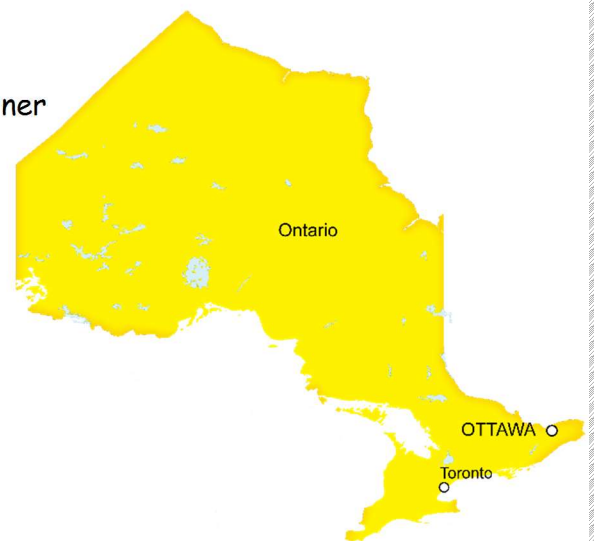
- Right click on the picture with the mouse.
- Select wrap text
- Choose in front of text
- Drag picture to chosen location
- Resize it if necessary by dragging in/out from corner

To add a border/frame to a picture:

- Right click on the picture with the mouse
- Select style
- Choose the border you would like by clicking on it

To change border color or effect:

- Right click on the picture with the mouse
- Select format picture with left click
- Select paint bucket with left click
- Left click on paint bucket with left click, select color



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Now, begin to organize your information into paragraphs by topic. Read through the information you have gathered on each topic. Decide if the information is important for the section and **revise** as needed. Begin each section with a topic sentence introducing what the paragraph will be about.

Put them in a logical order to share your information. Example below:

- **History (Immigration, Native People, Politics)**
- **Capital City/Other Major Cities Described**
- **Land Area/Population/People**
- **Climate**
- **Landforms/Water bodies**
- **Natural Resources/Wildlife**
- **Major Industries/Important Economic Factors**



Tips for paragraph writing:

- Each section should have at least 4 complete sentences.
- Each sentence should start with a capital letter and end with a period.
- Your spelling needs to be correct. If you are unsure: ask someone, use a dictionary, word processing spellcheck, or device to check your work.
- Start each section with a topic sentence.
- Make sure your sentences belong in the section.
- Each section needs a centered heading (ie: History)
- All places and people need to be capitalized.
- Read each section to yourself before going on to the next one.

Many brochure templates have words and pictures already in them to show possible layout. You need to delete the text/pictures that aren't about your topic.

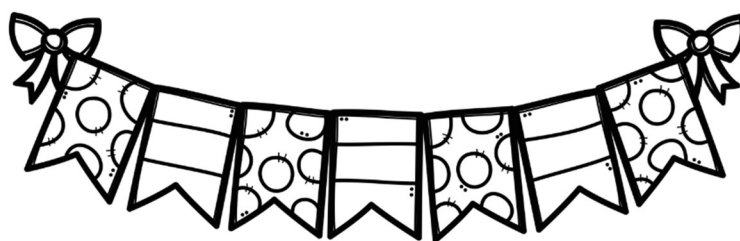
Brochure Layout Plan

Page One/Outside

Symbol Page	Middle Include:	Title Page
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Province/State name & Flag Clip art *Other Province symbols/ fun facts -motto, nickname -animal, bird, tree, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Relevant Clip art and captions *List books and websites used for research 	<p style="text-align: center;">Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Province or State Name *Map Clip Art *Your Name

Page Two/Inside

Beginning of Information Include:	Middle Include:	End Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Province/state name *Relevant Clip Art *Introductory Paragraph *History Subtitle *History Information *Cities subtitle & Info 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Land Area/Population/ people subtitle/Info. *Relevant clip art *Climate subtitle/Info *Landforms/water bodies Subtitle/clip art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Industry subtitle & Info *Natural Resources subtitle and Info *Closing Paragraph



Conclusion Paragraph



Now it's time to wrap up your research. Use this last paragraph to summarize your information.

Tips

- Leave your readers with something to think about or a call for action.
- Give your research a sense of closure.
- Do not bring up new ideas, instead summarize important points already shared.
- Vary sentence beginnings and lengths.
- Use descriptive words and phrases that YOU understand.
- Complete sentences with capital letters, periods, complete thoughts.

Examples:

Now you've learned so much about Indiana from its beautiful land to its bustling cities. The natural resources of Indiana such as coal and natural gas have been important to the state's economy for decades. Indiana's hard-working people enjoy Indiana's beautiful parks in the warm summers and cooler winters. So, when are you coming to visit? They'd love to meet you.

Wisconsin isn't just America's Dairy Land and home of the cheese heads. Wisconsin is full of clear lakes, thick forests, fertile farmland, and productive industries. The warm summer and cold winter weather allows for both water skiing and snow skiing. The state has rich history state and people with diverse backgrounds. Wisconsin is a state worth checking out.

Florida is known for its beaches, but those are just one piece of this colorful state puzzle. The historic past and many cultures make Florida an exciting place. Many of its people stay for the mild climate. Others stay for the economic opportunities in the fishing, forest, or phosphate mining industries. The varied cities range from modern Miami to Spanish St. Augustine. Florida is an amazing state.

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Cities Paragraph (5 sentences about cities, capital)	5 points
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