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Učební materiál

Sada: Kultura a realie anglických mluvících zemí

Téma: Geographical Regions of USA-the South

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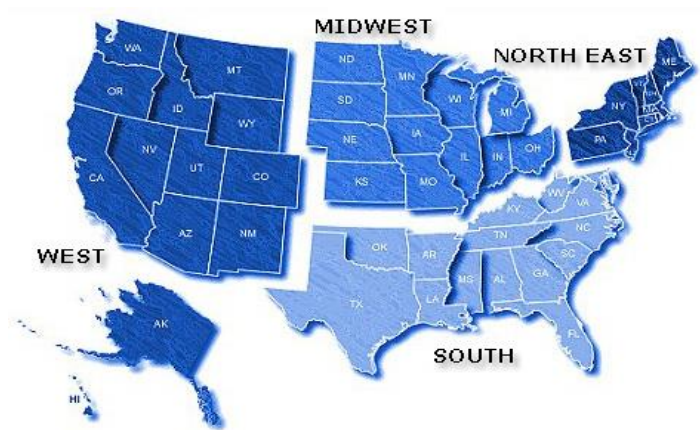
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Využití: Učební materiál pro výuku anglického jazyka

Anotace: The worksheets can be used when learning about the geography of the United States. The material focuses on the distinctions and differences between individual regions of the US. Cross-curricular relations correspond with social studies and geography. The worksheet revises information required in the English Department curriculum. The tasks concentrate on listening comprehension, speaking skills, and formulating personal opinions.

Geography of the United States of America – the South



I. Based on information provided in lectures, decide if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE about the **SOUTHERN** region of the United States.

1. The climate is warm and humid, and there are not four distinct seasons.
2. Because of the climate, many interesting animal species live here, including alligators, snakes, and other reptiles.
3. This is one of the fastest growing regions.
4. The population is the smallest of the regions.
5. Most of the American music styles were born in this region.
6. Most of America's heavy industry is found in this region.
7. The region tends to be heavily forested with lots of swamps, rivers, and lakes.
8. NASA and the space program are centered in this region.
9. Very tall and rugged mountains characterize much of this region.
10. Traditionally, this region has been dependent on agriculture for its economy.

II. Using information from classroom discussions, answer the following questions.

1. How does the hot, humid climate affect lifestyles in this region?
2. Why do you think this region has produced so many original styles of music?
3. Why do you think this region is stereotyped as poor and backwards?
4. Discuss what you know about 3 of the states from this region. Do you know these things to be fact or only stereotype and reputation?
5. Describe what you know about some of the famous cities from this region.
6. What do you think you would enjoy or dislike about living in this region?

Key words and phrases: cotton, agriculture, swamp, timber, reptiles, hurricane, tourism, humidity

It is necessary to emphasize the following points during the lecture about the South of the USA.

- Historically the poorest region
- Perhaps the richest region culturally
- Traditionally an agricultural region - cotton and tobacco the two main crops
- Now the fastest growing region because of manufacturing and tourism
- Home to the great American music styles e.g., jazz, blues, country, gospel, bluegrass, etc.
- Unique topography including swamps, forests, red dirt, coastal plains
- Home to many unique animals e.g., snakes, alligators, turtles, opossum, armadillo, etc.
- Hot and humid climate
- Often threatened by hurricanes
- Region with the highest percentage of minority population, especially African-American

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