

NORTH AMERICAN BIOMES

Color the map according to the directions listed below. You may need to look at a map of North America if you get stuck. Place a check mark in the box once you have completed that step.

1. The **dotted lines represent the BORDER** between the U.S. and Mexico and Canada. All other lines show biome borders. Color the U.S. borders (dotted line) **RED**.
2. Label the countries --- USA, Mexico, and Canada.
3. Northern Canada and Alaska are **TUNDRA** - color the tundra **light blue**
4. Most of Canada is **BOREAL FOREST (or TAIGA)** made up of conifers (**spruce, cedar, pine, etc.**). Color the boreal forest **dark green**.
5. The west coast of the U.S., where California is located, is mainly **TEMPERATE DECIDUOUS FOREST**. The east coast, all the way to the center of the country is also **TEMPERATE DECIDUOUS FOREST**. Color the temperate deciduous forest **light green**.
6. The Midwest (middle of the country) is **TEMPERATE GRASSLAND**. Color the grassland **yellow**.
7. The eastern edge of Mexico and Central America, Hawaii, and the Caribbean Islands are all **TROPICAL RAIN FORESTS or JUNGLES**. Color those **purple**.
8. There is a **TEMPERATE RAIN FOREST** located in the far corner of the U.S (northwest). Color the temperate rain forest **brown**.
9. The great lakes and the lakes in Canada are **FRESHWATER ecosystems**. Find each freshwater lake and color it **pink**.
10. The bodies of water surrounding the continent are **SALT WATER or MARINE ecosystems**. Color the coastal areas **dark blue**.
11. The western region of the U.S., as well as Northern Mexico, is **DESERT**. Color the desert **orange**.
12. The western edge of Mexico is **TEMPERATE DECIDUOUS FOREST**. Color it the same as you did the other temperate deciduous forests, **light green**.
13. Color the squares at the bottom to match your biome colors.



Tundra

Deciduous Forest

Grassland

Desert

Tropical Rain Forest

Salt Water

Fresh Water

Temperate Rain Forest

Boreal Forest
/Taiga

Name: _____

Period: _____

Biomes Questions

Use the North American Biomes Map to answer the following questions.
(Complete sentences **NOT** required, for once!)

1. Name the three main biomes of the United States (land only).
2. Place an X on the map to show your approximate location.
What two biomes are closest to where you live?
3. In what U.S. state could a person visit a tropical rain forest?
4. What U.S. state could a person visit to see a deciduous forest surrounded by saltwater on 3 sides?
5. Point out Alaska by drawing an arrow to it. What main biome covers most of Alaska?
6. If you traveled DUE NORTH of your current location, what three biomes would you pass through as you go to the North Pole? (*List the biomes in the **correct order** starting with where you begin.*)
7. Name the three biomes you would pass through if you drove in a straight line from Los Angeles, California to Washington D.C. (*List the biomes in the **correct order** starting with where you begin.*)
8. Name the five biomes you would pass through if you drove from Alaska to Mexico keeping close to the west coast as you drove. (*List the biomes in the **correct order** starting with where you begin.*)

