



Political Map of Canada

This map of Canada shows the international boundaries with the United States and the internal boundaries and capitals of the 10 provinces and 3 territories. It also shows a few physical features, such as lakes and other significant bodies of water. The southern border of Canada is the United States. The western border of Canada is composed of the Pacific Ocean and Alaska (a state of the United States). The Atlantic Ocean is on the east. The northern border is the Arctic Ocean, including Hudson Bay (an arm of the ocean). Greenland and Iceland in the east, and a bit of Russia in the west are three other countries shown on the map. A box on the right-hand side explains the symbols used on the map. The capital of Canada, Ottawa, is indicated by a star. The capitals of the provinces and territories have little squares near their names. The Arctic Circle, at 66.5 degrees North, shows that Canada is located primarily in high latitudes. The scale, the relationship between real world distances and map distances, is also shown in the box. Canada has the longest coastline of any country in the world as indicated by the large number of islands drawn on the map. Canada has even more islands than can be shown on a map of this scale.

Using the map and your knowledge of Geography, answer the following questions:

WorldView Software: World Geography

MAP: Question 1

What does this map show?

Question 2

What are the political borders of Canada with other countries? What are the political borders within Canada?

Question 3

What physical features form boundaries of Canada?

Question 4

In what province is the federal capital of Canada located?

Question 5

Although the federal capital is located in one province, it is located close to the border of another. What is the name of that neighboring province? Why is the federal capital located where it is?

Question 6

What technique does the map use to indicate to the viewer that Canada is located at high latitudes?

Question 7

Canada currently contains three territories. Before 1999, it contained only two. Explain why and how the third territory was formed.