

Regions illustrated in North America

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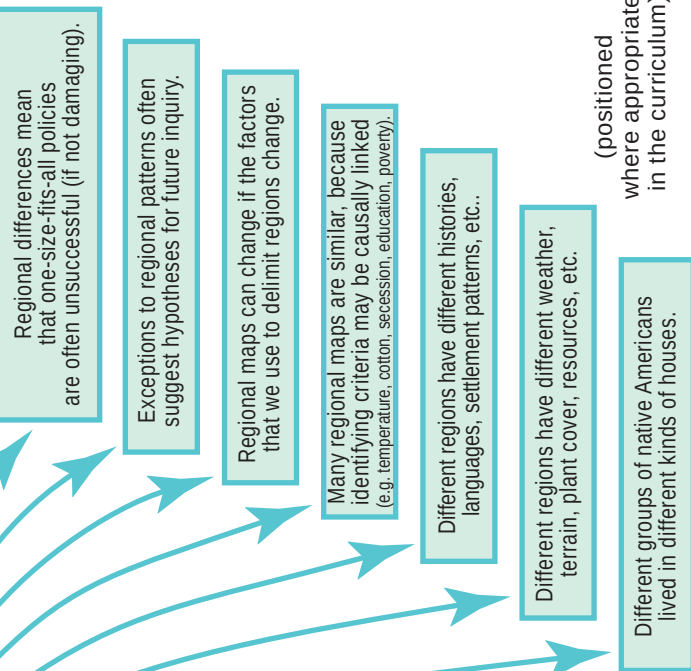
very approximate grade level

K/1

2 a big geographic idea
(and a good place to study it)

Region
is a useful "tool" in North America
because it can help students organize
their prior knowledge of "home"
in order to make comparisons
with other places.

3 some important
consequences
of the big idea



Delimit complex regions based on multiple criteria, including connections

Delimit simple regions based on presence of identifying features

Describe environments by making inferences from thematic maps

Learn position words: in the area with these traits (in the region)
(clearly identified as geography)

History: tracing major patterns of immigration

History: comparing native American cultures
(previous classes or collaboration with other disciplines)

Map skill: estimate density/homogeneity

Map skill: interpret shaded-area map
(map skills)

1 a scaffold of thinking skills
and background knowledge
that supports the big idea

A discussion question:

What are some strategies to help us figure out how to adapt "one-size-fits-all" national policies to fit regional differences?

