

Vocabulary

Define the following geographical terms.

1. Butte
2. Canyon
3. Delta
4. Desert
5. Dune
6. Fjord
7. Geography
8. Geyser
9. Lake
10. Marsh
11. Mesa
12. Oasis
13. Plain
14. Reservoir
15. Sound
16. Swamp
17. Tundra
18. Volcano

Memory Tip: Write each vocabulary term on an index card. On the back of each card, write the definition along with a picture of the word. This visual clue can help you remember the definition.

North America

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Map

Photocopy, trace, or draw a map of North America and paste it on this page.

Missionary Biography

David Brainerd

David Brainerd was born in 1718 in the village of Haddam, Connecticut. By the time he was 13 years old, his father and mother had both died. He began working as a farmer's boy and then moved in with a minister who gave him the opportunity to attend college. Brainerd attended Yale and studied with various ministers until 1742.

At the age of 24, he began his calling as a missionary to the Indians. He was sent to the Stockbridge Indians in Massachusetts. He lived with a very poor family and had little in the way of food and the basic necessities of life. He walked through hard terrain to minister to the Indians.

He did not complain about his hardships but did his work with care. Even though he received offers to preach in large churches where life would be made easier for him, Brainerd refused such offers in order to continue his calling with the Indians.

Brainerd also worked with the Delaware Forks Indians. He spent 2 years visiting with the Indians, caring for their needs, and becoming their friend. The harsh lifestyle which he led eventually took its toll on Brainerd, and he went to New England to rest and recover in the home of the Reverend Jonathan Edwards. However, in 1747, his health quickly failed, and he passed away at the age of 29.

During his short years of service on the mission field, Brainerd paved the way for others to minister to the Indians. His story influenced many other missionaries, such as William Carey and Henry Martyn. Brainerd's journal, diary, and biography were published by Jonathan Edwards which further served to inspire others in the mission field.

For Further Study:

Research the Stockbridge and Delaware Forks Indians. Gain further information about what life would have been like for David Brainerd during his 5 years of missionary work.

Location

In which hemisphere is North America located?

Find the square miles of this continent.

List the oceans which border North America.

Vegetation

List the types of plants and trees found in North America. Choose one of the plant or tree forms to sketch and label it's characteristics in the space below.

Crops

*“And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”
Genesis 1:12*

What are the main crops grown in North America?

In which areas of the continent are the majority of these crops grown?

Imports and Exports

North America is often considered rich in material goods and services. What type of goods do people in North America make and export to other countries?

What products do North Americans import? Why?