

■ LESSON 2 – THE NORTHEAST REGION

Grade 6 – Student Packet

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Part A — HISTORY

Reading Article:

The Northeast region is one of the earliest settled parts of the United States. European settlers arrived near the Atlantic coast and built towns where they could fish, trade, and farm. Over time, the Northeast grew into a center of industry, education, and government. Cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, and New York became busy places filled with new ideas and opportunities. Many people from around the world moved to the Northeast seeking a better life.

Jewish Life in the Northeast:

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, many Jewish immigrants arrived in the Northeast through Ellis Island. They settled in neighborhoods like the Lower East Side and built strong communities. Jewish families worked in shops and factories, opened small businesses, and helped create schools and organizations that supported education and charity.

Vocabulary:

- Immigrant – a person who moves to a new country
- Industry – businesses that make products
- Opportunity – a chance for something better
- Coastline – land along the ocean

History Activity – “Cause and Effect in the Northeast”

Instructions:

1. Reread the history article carefully.
2. Highlight or underline three causes and three effects.
3. On your worksheet, complete the chart:

Cause → Effect

- Many people arrived in the Northeast →
- Cities grew quickly →
- Immigrants brought new skills →

Part B — GEOGRAPHY

Reading Article:

The Northeast has a rocky coastline, forests, and rolling hills. Part of the Appalachian Mountains runs through this region. The climate includes cold, snowy winters and warm summers. Because of its location along the Atlantic Ocean, the Northeast has major ports that support trade and travel. Cities like New York, Boston, and Philadelphia are important economic and cultural centers.

Vocabulary:

- Port – a place where ships load and unload goods
- Climate – the usual weather in an area
- Mountain range – a group of connected mountains
- Coast – the land next to the ocean

Geography Activity – “Mapping the Northeast”

Instructions:

1. Use the blank USA or regional map provided.
2. Outline the Northeast region in blue.
3. Label the following:
 - New York
 - Boston
 - Philadelphia
 - Atlantic Ocean
4. Lightly color the region blue.
5. Draw a small mountain symbol to show the Appalachian Mountains.