

LOOK
BUILD
SHOW

MY FAVORITE LANDFORM

One Real
Place.
Made by You.

Build a real place you can touch!

AHS Worldwide • Geography • Unit 1 Project • Grades K-2



YOUR MISSION

Pick ONE real place in North America.
Build it out of salt dough. Paint it.
Name it. Then show it off!

You only build one thing.
Take your time and make it great!



TWO UPLOADS — THAT'S IT!

→ After Step 2 — a grown-up
takes a photo or short video
of your landform so far.

→ After Step 4 — a grown-up
takes a photo or short video
of your finished landform.



PICK YOUR LANDFORM — CHOOSE ONE

Ten real places. Pick the one you like best!

In Canada

- ☐ 1. Canadian Rockies
(tall, snowy mountains)
- ☐ 2. Hudson Bay
(a huge bay of water)
- ☐ 3. Niagara Falls
(a giant waterfall)

In the United States

- ☐ 4. Grand Canyon
(a deep canyon)
- ☐ 5. Great Lakes
(five big lakes)
- ☐ 6. Rocky Mountains
(tall, snowy mountains)
- ☐ 7. Mount St. Helens
(a volcano)

In Mexico

- ☐ 8. Baja Peninsula
(a long, skinny
strip of land)
- ☐ 9. Popocatepetl
(a snowy volcano)
- ☐ 10. Yucatán Peninsula
(a flat, wide piece
of land)

I picked: _____

It is in: ☐ Canada ☐ United States ☐ Mexico



THE ONE BIG RULE

Look at a real picture first.
Then build what you see!

THE 4 STEPS TO YOUR LANDFORM

1



**Pick it and
look at it**

2



**Build it
(UPLOAD #1)**

3



Paint it

4



**Name it and
show it!
(UPLOAD #2)**



WHAT YOU NEED

Ask a grown-up to help you gather these
before Step 1.

- ☐ A small cardboard base (about the size
of a cereal box front)
- ☐ Flour, salt, and water for salt dough
- ☐ A bowl and a spoon
- ☐ Paint or markers
- ☐ One paintbrush
- ☐ A toothpick and a small piece of paper
for your name flag
- ☐ A picture of your landform to look at
- ☐ A phone or camera for your uploads



QUICK TIP

There are amazing landforms
all around North America.
Pick the one that looks the
most fun to build!



NICE TO HAVE

- ☐ Toy animals or trees
- ☐ Sand or salt for rough ground
- ☐ A tray to carry your landform



SALT DOUGH RECIPE

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup table salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup warm water
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Mix it. Squish it with your hands until
it feels like soft clay. Too sticky? Add flour.
Too dry? Add a little water.



SAFETY FIRST!

A grown-up does all the cutting. Salt dough
is not food — do not eat it. Keep it away
from pets. Wash your hands when you finish.



ABOUT THE COST

About \$0–3 if you have flour, salt, and paint
at home.



Look. Build. Show. One real place at a time.



PICK IT AND LOOK AT IT

Choose your one real place!

Every landform is a real place you could visit someday!



WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ This booklet
- ☐ A picture of your landform
- ☐ A pencil
- ☐ Your cardboard base



QUICK TIP

Look at your picture for a whole minute before you build. Is it tall? Is it flat? Is it water or is it land?



MY LANDFORM – CHECK ONE

Only pick ONE. This is the one you build!



☐ Canadian Rockies



☐ Hudson Bay



☐ Niagara Falls



☐ Grand Canyon



☐ Great Lakes



☐ Mount St. Helens



☐ Rocky Mountains



☐ Baja Peninsula



☐ Popocatepetl



☐ Yucatán Peninsula



I picked:

It is in:

- ☐ Canada
- ☐ United States
- ☐ Mexico

DO IT

- 1 Pick your landform from the ten choices.
- 2 Ask a grown-up to help you find a picture of it.
- 3 Look at the picture. Is it tall or flat? Is it land or water?
- 4 Trace your finger along the shape in the picture.
- 5 Draw the shape on your cardboard with a pencil. Big is good!



IS IT LAND OR WATER?

- **Land you build UP:**
Canadian Rockies, Niagara Falls, Mount St. Helens, Popocatepetl
- **Water you press DOWN:**
Hudson Bay, Great Lakes
- **Land shapes you build FLAT:**
Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountains, Baja Peninsula, Yucatán Peninsula



SAY IT

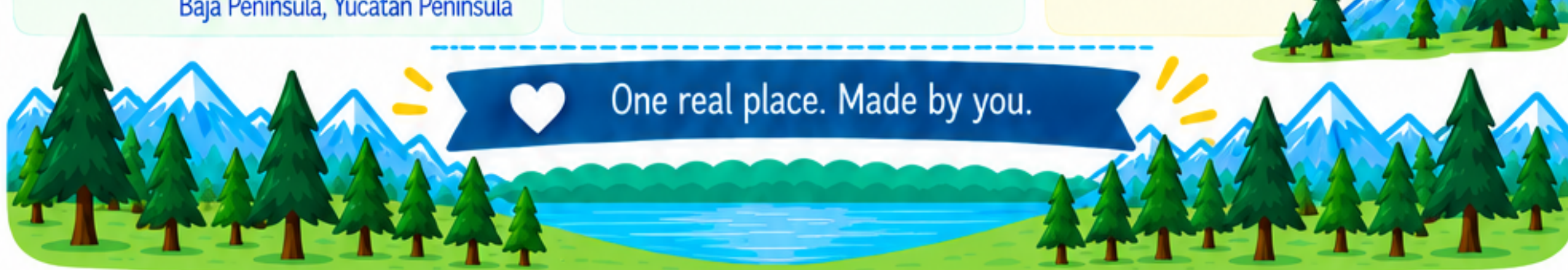
My landform is

It is in



MAKE IT YOURS

- Pick the landform that looks the most fun to build!
- Say the name out loud three times.
- Show your picture to someone at home.





BUILD IT

Squish, press, and shape!

Now your picture becomes something you can hold!



Real Places.
Real Learning.
Your Map.



WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ Your cardboard base from Step 1
- ☐ Salt dough
- ☐ A bowl and a spoon
- ☐ Your hands
- ☐ A picture of your landform (to match it)



QUICK TIP

Use your picture as a guide. Start with big shapes, then add smaller details. It's okay if it's not perfect — you can always adjust it!



DO IT



1 Make your salt dough (recipe on the cover page).



2 Press the dough onto your cardboard base.



3 Use your fingers to squish, press, and shape your landform.



4 Add details, like mountains, valleys, or rivers, using your fingers or a toothpick.



5 Try your best to make it look like your landform. It doesn't have to be perfect!



6 Let it dry for 24–48 hours before you paint it.



MID-PROJECT UPLOAD

Take a picture or video of your project. Upload it, so your Coach can see how it's coming along!



THINK ABOUT IT

- What was easy about this step?
- What was challenging?
- Does your landform look like your picture?
- What might you add or change next time?



MAKE IT YOURS

- Try adding extra details like caves, cliffs, or islands.
- Use a toothpick to make lines and textures.
- Make it look as much like your real place as you can!



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PAINT THE OPEN LANDS

Bring your landform to life with color!

Colors help tell the story of your landform. Think about what you see in real life!



Real Places.
Real Learning.
Your Map.



WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ Your dried landform from Step 2
- ☐ Paint or markers
- ☐ A paintbrush
- ☐ A small cup of water
- ☐ A paper towel



QUICK TIP

Use colors that look like real life. Look at your picture to see what colors to use. You can mix colors if you want!



DO IT



Look at your landform and your picture. Plan which colors to use.



Start with one color, like brown for mountains or green for land.



Keep adding colors to the rest of your landform.



Add small details, like trees, rocks, beaches, or different colors of land.



Let the paint dry completely before moving to the next step.



Great job!
Your landform is looking amazing!



REAL EXAMPLES

Here are some color ideas:

- **Mountains:** brown, gray, white (snow)
- **Forests:** dark green, light green
- **Rivers and lakes:** blue
- **Deserts or plains:** tan, yellow, light brown
- **Beaches or coasts:** tan, yellow, blue
- **Volcanoes:** gray, brown, red



THINK ABOUT IT

- What colors did you choose? Why?
- What did you learn about your landform from painting it?
- How do the colors help show what this place is like?
- What was your favorite part of this step?



MAKE IT YOURS

- Use the colors that make sense for your landform.
- You can mix colors to get just the right look.
- Add extra details, like trees, rocks, or beaches.
- Be creative — make it look like your real place!



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STEP 4 NAME IT AND SHOW IT OFF!

Give your landform a name and share it!

You built a real place!
Now it's time to
name it and show
what you created!



WHAT YOU NEED

- ☐ Your finished, dry landform from Step 3
- ☐ A toothpick and small piece of paper (for your name flag)
- ☐ Markers or a pencil
- ☐ A phone or camera (for your one upload)



QUICK TIP

Think of a fun name for your landform!
You can use the real name, or make
up your own. A name helps others
know what your landform is.



DO IT

1



Look at your finished landform.
Make sure the paint is dry.

2



Write the name of your landform
on a small piece of paper.

3



Attach the name flag to your map
with a toothpick.

4



Check your work. Add any final
details if you want.

5



Have a parent or older sibling
record you presenting your
finished landform.

6



Upload it to show your Coach.
You did it! Great job!



IDEAS FOR A NAME

- Use the real name (like Rocky Mountains)
- Make up your own name
- Think about what makes your landform special
- Use a name that tells a story (like "Snowy Peaks" or "Big Blue Bay")



THINK ABOUT IT

- What was your favorite part of this project?
- What was challenging?
- What did you learn about your landform?
- What would you like to explore next time?



FINAL UPLOAD

- ☐ Record a short video.
- ☐ Walk us through each feature of your map.
- ☐ Share one thing you learned while creating your map.
- ☐ Share one thing you would do differently next time.
- ☐ Upload your video for your Coach to review!



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