#### **Introduction to Island Geography**

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## **Interactive Map Activity**

Use a digital interactive map to show the children different islands around the world. Ask the children to point out the islands on the map and identify their locations.

#### **Example Islands**

- Hawaii
- Madagascar
- Iceland

## **Island Matching Game**

Provide the children with a set of island pictures and a map of the world. Ask the children to match the island pictures with their corresponding locations on the map.

Island Picture	Map Location

#### **Island Creation**

Provide the children with a set of materials, including paper, glue, and scissors. Ask the children to create their own island, including its location, size, and unique features.

## **Example Island Features**

- Beaches
- Mountains
- Forests

## **Island Scavenger Hunt**

Hide pictures or objects related to islands around the classroom or playground. Provide the children with a list of clues to find the hidden items.

#### **Example Clues**

- Find the picture of a palm tree
- Find the object that is shaped like a volcano

#### **Island Quiz**

Ask the children to answer the following questions:

- 1. What is an island?
- 2. What is the largest island in the world?
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# **Island Project**

Ask the children to create a project that demonstrates their knowledge of islands and their unique features.

## **Example Project Ideas**

- · Create a diorama of an island
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## **Island Map**

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#### **Example Game Ideas**

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Ask the children to write a story about an island, including its location, size, and unique features.

## **Example Story Ideas**

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## **Island Drawing**

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## **Example Drawing Ideas**

- Draw a picture of a beach
- Draw a picture of a mountain
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#### **Island Reflection**

Ask the children to reflect on what they learned about islands during the lesson.

#### **Example Reflection Questions**

- What did you learn about islands?
- · What was your favorite activity during the lesson?

# **Island Ecosystems**

Islands have unique ecosystems that are shaped by their geography and climate. The ecosystems on islands can be diverse, ranging from tropical rainforests to coral reefs. Islands are also home to a wide variety of plants and animals, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth.

#### **Example Island Ecosystems**

- Tropical rainforests
- Coral reefs
- Deserts

### **Island Conservation**

Islands are vulnerable to environmental threats such as climate change, pollution, and overfishing. Conservation efforts are necessary to protect the unique ecosystems and species found on islands. This can include measures such as habitat restoration, species reintroduction, and sustainable fishing practices.

## Case Study: Conservation Efforts on the Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands are a unique ecosystem that is home to a wide variety of endemic species. Conservation efforts on the islands include habitat restoration, species reintroduction, and sustainable tourism practices.

# **Island Cultures**

Islands have unique cultures that are shaped by their history, geography, and climate. Island cultures can be diverse, ranging from traditional societies to modern cities. Islands are also home to a wide variety of languages, customs, and traditions.

#### **Example Island Cultures**

- Hawaiian culture
- Maori culture
- · Cuban culture

## Island Economies

Islands have unique economies that are shaped by their geography, climate, and natural resources. Island economies can be diverse, ranging from fishing and tourism to manufacturing and finance. Islands are also vulnerable to economic threats such as climate change and global economic trends.

### Case Study: The Economy of the Maldives

The Maldives is a small island nation that is heavily reliant on tourism. The country's economy is vulnerable to climate change and global economic trends, and is working to diversify its economy through sustainable fishing and manufacturing practices.

# Island Geography

Islands have unique geography that is shaped by their tectonic history, climate, and sea level. Island geography can be diverse, ranging from volcanic islands to coral atolls. Islands are also home to a wide variety of landforms, including beaches, mountains, and forests.

#### **Example Island Landforms**

- Beaches
- Mountains
- Forests

## **Island Climate**

Islands have unique climates that are shaped by their geography, latitude, and ocean currents. Island climates can be diverse, ranging from tropical to polar. Islands are also vulnerable to climate change, which can have significant impacts on their ecosystems and economies.

## Case Study: The Climate of the Marshall Islands

The Marshall Islands are a small island nation that is heavily vulnerable to climate change. The country is working to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and increased storm frequency.

## Island History

Islands have unique histories that are shaped by their geography, culture, and colonial past. Island histories can be diverse, ranging from ancient civilizations to modern independence movements. Islands are also home to a wide variety of historical sites, including ruins, museums, and cultural landmarks.

#### **Example Island Historical Sites**

Easter Island

- The Great Barrier Reef
- The Acropolis



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