

# Giant Oregon Map from Center for Geography Education in Oregon

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Blank Oregon outline for pre-test (print 8 ½ x 11 per child): On your map of Oregon, write as much information as you know about physical & cultural geography features (e.g., roads, dams, mountains, cities, lakes, rivers)

Scavenger Hunt - 2 options with answer sheet. Student Sheet only (no answers)

Relay with roles: Researcher, Recorder, Runner (switch after each location) - print on different colored paper - cut apart & staple in random order for each group so groups won't be completing the same clues at the same time. Single-piece of paper completed at desk

Oregon Cartography Activity

Print Oregon map on ledger paper 11 x 17

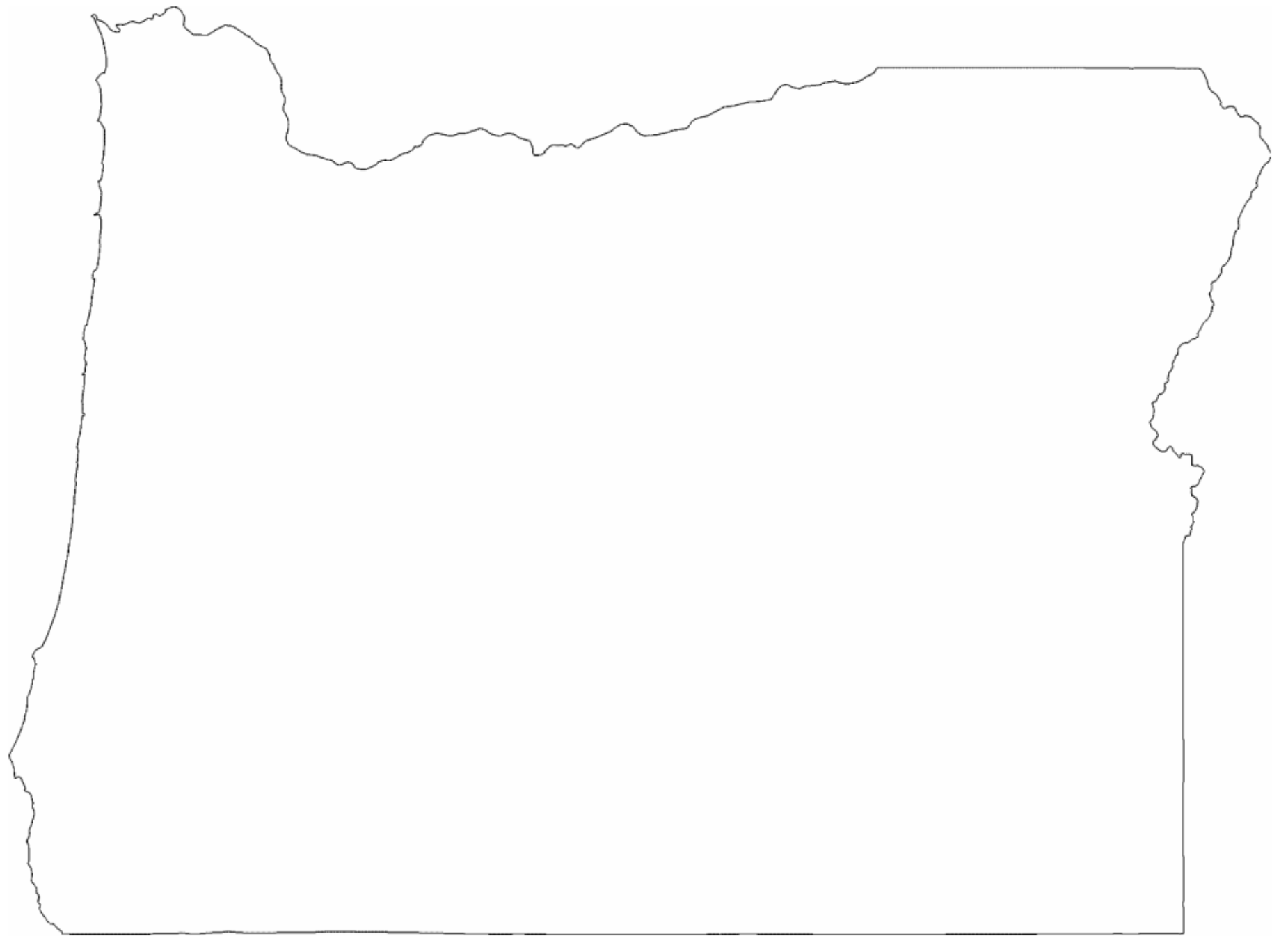
Provide each group with the checklist of items to add to their Oregon map (option to create 1 map per group or 1 map per child)

City Research - Need [Student Atlas of Oregon](#) + [El Atlas de Oregón para Estudiantes](#)

Research 1 city (page 1)

Compare/contrast 2 cities (page 2-3)

Geography Post-Test - adapt for your grade level. Some examples provided using the [2021 ODE SS Standards](#)



# Oregon Map Scavenger Hunt

With your group, find the answer on the giant map. Write down your answer.

Prompt	Closest Highway	Clue	Place
The largest city in Oregon near the meeting spot of the Willamette River and the Columbia River	I-5, I-84, I-205	Northwest Oregon	
A game refuge that has California bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, mule deer, sage grouse, and redband trout located northeast of Lakeview	395, 140	It is highlighted in dark green	
The river in North America's deepest river gorge along the Idaho border	I-84, 3	Northeastern border of Oregon	
The capital city of Oregon, located in the Willamette Valley.	I-5	Look for the star ★ symbol	
A national park in southern Oregon formed 7000 years ago when a volcano collapsed on itself	97	It is highlighted in dark green	
A coastal city located north of Gold Beach and south of Bandon	101	Southern Oregon	
A mountain in the Cascades Mountain	22	Look for a triangle ▲ symbol	

Range between Salem and Madras			
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### Oregon Map Scavenger Hunt Answer Key

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The river in North America's deepest river gorge along the Idaho border	I-84, 3	Northeastern border of Oregon	Snake River
The capital city of Oregon, located in the Willamette Valley.	I-5	Look for the star ★ symbol	Salem
A national park in southern Oregon formed 7000 years ago when a volcano collapsed on itself	97	It is highlighted in dark green	Crater Lake National Park

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A mountain in the Cascades Mountain Range between Salem and Madras	22	Look for a triangle ▲ symbol	Mt. Jefferson
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3. You will write each of the following items on your group's Oregon map and/or individual map. Prior to starting, agree upon the color, line type (dash, solid, dotted), and/or symbol for each of the following items:
  - A river that starts with C
  - A city that has 2 words
  - Siskiyou National Forest
  - A tall mountain ▲
  - A body of water
  - A county
  - A city near the Pacific Ocean
  - A state that borders Oregon
  - A city along the I-5 freeway
  - A road that goes through Ontario, Baker City, LaGrande, Pendleton & Hermiston
  - Largest city in Oregon
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# City Research

Use the [Student Atlas of Oregon](#) / [El Atlas de Oregón para Estudiantes](#) to research about your city and write the answers to the questions below. Write your responses in complete sentences. *If you are using a printed Student Atlas of Oregon the 2015 version page numbers are listed first and the 2009 version page numbers are listed second.*

Astoria

Coos Bay

Eugene

Pendleton

Bend

Medford

Burns

Salem

Portland

Klamath Falls

The Dalles

Name of city:

Ecoregion/s ([2015, p. 30](#) / [2009, p. 14](#)):

Wildlife (p. 37 / p. 28):

Major ocean or lake/s or river/s nearby (p. 42 / p. 30):

Average January temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 24 / p. 19):

Average July temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 25 / p. 20):

Climograph - Average monthly precipitation in inches in December ( p. 26 / p. 22):

Crops, farm products, and/or fruit crops grown nearby (pp. 66-8 / p. 42-44):

What is the population of your city (google search to find the answer):

Would you want to live in this city?

Why or why not? Provide at least 2 reasons based on information you collected from the maps. *Feel free to use the sentence frames below.*

Sentence Frames - Use or modify

I would/would not like to live in \_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_.

Because I like/do not like \_\_\_\_, I would enjoy/not enjoy living in \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ (city) has \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, which I like, because \_\_\_\_.



## City Research Compare and Contrast

Astoria  
 Pendleton  
 Burns  
 Klamath Falls  
 Coos Bay  
 Bend  
 Salem  
 The Dalles  
 Eugene  
 Medford  
 Portland

Use the [Student Atlas of Oregon](#) / [El Atlas de Oregón para Estudiantes](#) to research your assigned city and write the answers in the table below. Write your responses in complete sentences.

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<b>Your City</b>	<b>Comparison City</b>
Name of city:	Name of city: Medford
Ecoregion/s ( <a href="#">2015, p. 29</a> / <a href="#">2009, p. 14</a> )	Ecoregion/s ( <a href="#">2015, p. 29</a> / <a href="#">2009, p. 14</a> )  Medford is in the Klamath Mountains ecoregion.
Wildlife (p. 37 / p. 28)	Wildlife (p. 37 / p. 28)  Spotted owl, black bear, western rattlesnake, bald eagle, American beaver, redlegged frog, elk are all types of wildlife that can be found around Medford.
Major ocean or lake/s or river/s nearby (p. 42 / p. 30)	Major ocean or lake/s or river/s nearby (p. 42 / p. 30)  The Upper Rogue River is just north of Medford.
Average January temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 24 / p. 19)	Average January temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 24 / p. 19)  The average January temperature in Medford is 36-40 degrees Fahrenheit.
Average July temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 25 / p. 20)	Average July temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (p. 25 / p. 20)

	The average July temperature in Medford is 71-77 degrees Fahrenheit.
Climograph - Average monthly precipitation in inches in December ( p. 26 / p. 22)	Climograph - Average monthly precipitation in inches in December ( p. 26 / p. 22)  Medford averages 15 inches of precipitation in December.
Crops, farm products, and/or fruit crops grown nearby (pp. 66-8 / p. 42-44)	Crops, farm products, and/or fruit crops grown nearby (pp. 66-8 / p. 42-44)  Crops that grow around Medford include onions, beef cows, grapes, pears, apples and some wheat and greenhouse/nurseries.
What is the population of your city (google search to find the answer)	What is the population of your city (google search to find the answer)  84,145 people

Compare and contrast the two cities based on the information you have identified above. You are encouraged to use words and/or sentence frames from the compare/contrast word bank below.

#### Compare/Contrast Word Bank

Same as

Both

Share

Have in common

Are similar because

Just as

In comparison

Commonalities include

Unlike

However

Although

On the other hand

Instead of / Rather than

Alternatively

A distinction between

One similarity between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_

One difference between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_

Their common characteristics include \_\_\_

A comparison of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ reveals

The most obvious difference between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_

The most obvious similarity between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ is \_\_\_

\_\_\_ is \_\_\_, whereas \_\_\_ is \_\_\_

When we compare \_\_\_ to \_\_\_, it becomes clear that \_\_\_

The shared attributes of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are important because \_\_\_

# Geography Post-Test

Self-assess your geography skills.

## **Kindergarten**

True or False I can use terms related to location (above/below; between; left/right)

## **Grade 1**

True or False I can give an example of a natural resource

## **Grade 2**

True or False I can use cardinal directions to locate features on a map (e.g., ocean, city)

True or False I can use cardinal directions to identify features on a map (e.g., ocean, city)

## **Grade 3**

True or False I can describe physical characteristics of regions in Oregon (bodies of water, vegetation, animal life)

## **Grade 6**

True or False I can analyze maps, graphs to make inferences regarding physical characteristics (e.g., precipitation)

## **Grade 7**

True or False I can interpret maps and other geographic tools to find patterns in human & physical systems