FAMILY GEOGRAPHY NIGHT ACTIVITY

Turkey and Oregon –10 Things in Common

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Objectives: Participants pair up to compare geographic features in Turkey and Oregon by identifying 10 common geographic features in each location.

Supplies needed:
- Individual blank maps of Turkey printed (see internet resources below)
- Individual blank maps of Oregon printed (see internet resources below)
- Map/atlas of Turkey (see internet resources below)
- Map/atlas of Oregon (see internet resources below)
- Colored pens, pencils or markers

Process:
First create pairs who will work together. Divide the entire group in two. Give blank maps of Oregon to each person/family in one half of the group and blank maps of Turkey to the other half. Tell those in the Oregon group to find someone in the Turkey group and stand next to that person/family. Begin once everyone has a partner.

Next, provide each paired group with a detailed map or atlas of Oregon and a detailed map or atlas of Turkey. Direct the groups to find each of the 10 Things in Common and draw them on the respective blank maps. Some items, like the capital, will be on everyone’s maps, but groups will have flexibility with other items, like selecting a river that flows to the West.

Finally, you may extend this activity by having pairs share what they found with the larger group, or by creating a large blank map of Oregon and Turkey and having all groups label what they found on those two maps.

Extension options:
Increase the list size (make it 15 or 20). Compare more complex items, like population or climate. For writing, have students explain how the places are similar and different.

Internet resources:
2. Blank outline map of Turkey: http://geography.about.com/library/blank/blxturkey.htm
**TURKEY AND OREGON**

*10 Things in Common*

1. Find and label the capital of each place. (*Salem, Oregon and Ankara, Turkey*)

2. Find and label a city on the West coast.

3. Find and label a river that runs to the North. (*For Turkey, this river should empty into the Black Sea, for Oregon, it should empty into the Columbia River.*)

4. Find and label a mountain. (Can you find the highest mountain in Turkey and Oregon?)

5. Find and label a large lake.

6. Find and label the largest cities in Oregon (*Portland*) and Turkey (*Istanbul*).

7. Find and label a mountain range.

8. Find and label a plateau.

9. Find and label the city in Eastern Turkey that sounds like something you drive (*Kars*), and find and label the city in Oregon that sounds like something you would do in a yoga class (*Bend*).

10. Find and label a city that is found in both Turkey and Oregon. (Hint: it is a four-letter name, and in Turkey it is a famous, historic city associated with the Trojan horse.) *[Troy]*.