

## SECTION NAME: "WHAT'S NEXT?" (8)

### Overview

Geography Theme 5: Regions

This section summarizes many of the concepts that the students have learned throughout the CD-ROM. The students complete their *Our Great Region* books by creating a front cover collage and a back cover, on which they propose and attempt to address a possible future problem for the region.

Students are then asked to work in small groups to create a classroom presentation about their region.

The CD ends with a short video clip from the *Follow Your Path* companion VHS/broadcast that will play on the screen.

**CD Activity:** *none*

### **Our Great Region Book Activity:** Front and Back Covers, and Classroom Presentation

#### **Description:**

Students create a front cover collage for their book that emphasizes what their region means to them.

For the back cover, students identify and propose a solution to a problem the region might have to deal with in the future.

Finally students work in small groups to prepare a classroom presentation to convince other kids to visit their region.

Note: for all of these activities students may focus on either their local metropolitan region, or the larger Great Lakes region.

#### **Instructions:**

##### Front Cover:

Have students print out the cover template and create a collage using words and images that convey what their region means to them.

### **Instructions (continued):**

#### Back Cover:

Ask students to identify a current or future problem they believe their region will have to solve. They should write the issue at the top of the paper and propose a solution below it. Encourage students to use drawings or images to help illustrate the problem/solution.

Possible topics include:

1. Congestion or land use issues related to population growth
2. Transportation
3. Water resources
4. Garbage and recycling

Ideally, students will work in small groups to identify their own issues. This is a good opportunity for a brainstorming activity.

### **Concluding Activity:**

Have students work in small groups to prepare a persuasive Chamber of Commerce presentation promoting their region for tourism. Students can use their *Our Great Region* books as a resource. Have groups create posters, brochures, or other travel-type material to use as visual aids. Their goal is to entice people to their region.

### **MCF Benchmarks for this section:**

- SOC.IV.1.LE.3
- SOC.V.2.LE.1
- SOC.V.2.LE.2
- SOC.V.2.LE.3
- SOC.V.2.LE.4
- SOC.VI.1.LE.1
- SOC.VI.1.LE.2
- SOC.VI.1.LE.3
- SOC.VI.2.LE.1
- SOC.VI.3.LE.1
- SOC.VII.1.LE.1
- ELA.I.3.LE.3
- ELA.VIII.10.LE.3
- ELA.IX.11.LE.1
- ELA.IX.11.LE.3
- ELA.IX.11.LE.4