

Possible Country X Investigation Topics

- Where would the three largest cities develop, and why?
- What areas of this region would have the highest populations and why? The least?
- What would be the main foods eaten by the people in this region? How would diet differ by location?
- If there were major wars or ongoing conflicts in this region, where might they have occurred and what issues might have sparked them?
- How would the modern economic development of the area look? What would be the three or four major industries and where would they be located?
- Over time, what would be the three biggest problems working against the development of this country?
- We have been referring to this area as a country—but this large area might well have turned out to be several different countries. What can you say about the political development of this space? What tribes, clans, states, or other forms of organization might have arisen?
- Assuming that the human species did not originally evolve here, when and how do you think people first arrived in this region? Were they apes, modern people, or something in between? Where did they settle first?
- Say the initial human settlement was established at the foot of the potato-shaped lake in the northeastern area. As population grew and people needed more living space, where would people migrate to and why?
- Pick any spot on the map and make a detailed prediction of how human activities would have developed there. No fair picking the icecap and saying “none.”