

Landscape Picture Map - Lesson 9 (K-3)

Natural Features

- Objectives** The students will learn the meaning of the following terms:
mountain, hill, island, lake, river, and forest
- The students will identify a mountain, hill, island, lake, river and
forest on the Landscape Picture
- Vocabulary** Landscape Picture Map, map markers, post it notes with the
vocabulary words written on them.

Lesson

Pull down the Landscape Picture. Tell the students that today they will use the Landscape Picture to identify natural features.

Write the words *natural feature* on the board. A natural feature is something that is not made by people. (This is an important term to introduce. Natural features when shown on maps are called physical features.)

Tell the students natural features have names just like people made features. Today the students will identify six natural or physical features.

Use the Landscape Picture to provide a pictorial definition of the terms listed. After each term is identified have a student label the picture with the word.

Then have another student give a verbal description of the term. What other natural features might they identify?

The definitions for the terms listed in this lesson are:

Mountain - A mountain is a piece of land that rises high above the land around it.

Hill - A hill is a piece of land that rises above the land around it. A hill is not as high as a mountain.

Island - An island is a body of land with water all around it.

River - A large stream of water that flows through the land.

Lake - A body of water surrounded by land.

Forest - A growth of trees covering a large area.