Our Story, Our World



Unit 1

The World and Its Resources





Essential Question: How do neighbors affect your life?

Objective: Describe how neighbors are like me and different from me.

Theme vocabulary

- Community
- Culture
- Belief

What is a Neighbor?

- A neighbor is someone who lives or works close to you.
- Neighbors form a community by living, working, or playing together.
- Neighbors help and take care of each other



Who are your neighbors? Write the names of two neighbors.

Countries

- A country is a piece of land with one government that makes rules.
- A border is a line that separates areas of land like countries, states, or provinces. Some borders follow mountains, while others are imaginary.
- Spain is a country with many provinces. It shares borders with Portugal and

France.





Look at the map of Spain. Circle the border created by mountains. Trace the border created by water.

Regions and Culture

- Regions are groups of neighboring countries without borders.
- Neighboring countries often share common ways of living called culture.
- Countries in the same region usually have similar cultures.





Look at the map of Central America. Name three cities where people might spend time at the beach.

El Salvador, Costa Rica, Belize



Mission Links: Find Evidence

Find your country on a world map.

What countries are your country's neighbors?

Talk about it with a classmate.



Neighbors Are Alike and Different

- The Dominican Republic and Haiti are two different countries. They share
 - an island.
- Underline each country's name.
- Trace the border between them.



The Dominican Republic and Haiti are neighbors on the same island.

Why do you think people in both countries eat a lot of food from the ocean?

The island they live on is surrounded by the ocean.

Neighbors Are Alike and Different

- The Dominican Republic and Haiti share many holidays.
- Most people in Haiti speak French.
- Most people in the Dominican Republic speak Spanish.

Think about your neighbors. How are you and your neighbors alike? How are you different?

We like to eat cereal. Our parents come from different parts of our country.

Culture and beliefs

- Music, art, traditional clothing, and gifts are parts of a country's culture, making it special.
- A country's culture includes the people's beliefs about what is important and how to treat one another.
- Many holidays are based on a culture's beliefs, including ideas about how the world was created.



Skills practice: Compare and Contrast

- Comparing is finding how things are alike.
- Contrasting is finding how things are different.
- Look at the two pictures. Compare them. How are they alike?

They both show holiday celebrations.



Qatari men ride camels in a National Day parade.



Cinco de Mayo means "Fifth of May" in Spanish.



Unlock the Mission Links

Answer these questions about your country and one of its neighbors.

a. What is the name of your country? What is your country's neighbor?

b. How is your country's culture like your neighbor's culture?

c. How is your country's culture different from your neighbor's culture?

