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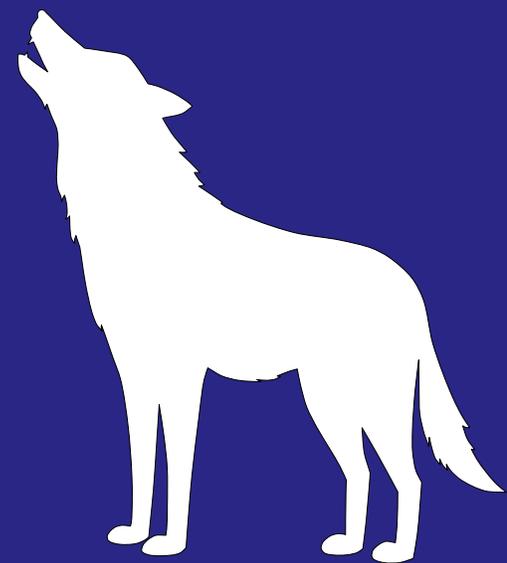
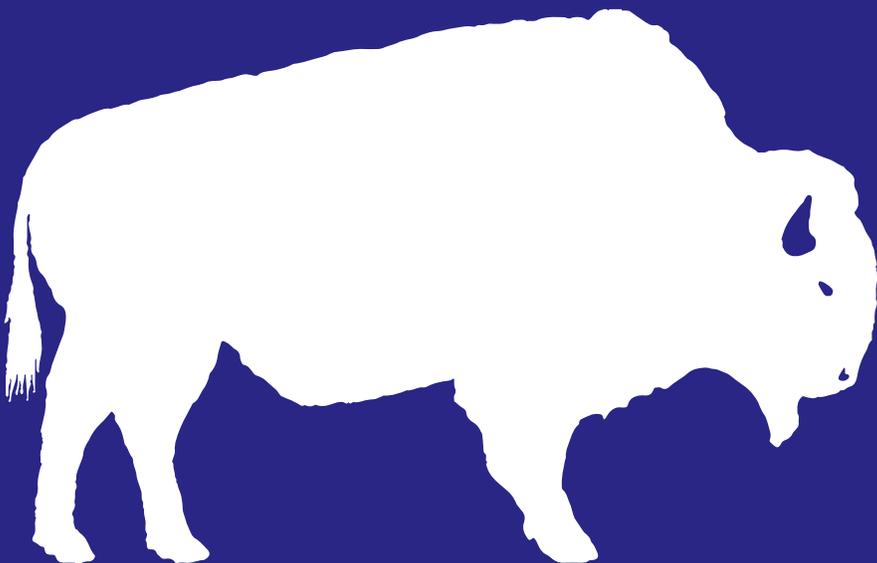
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10 Fun Facts About the North American Wilderness to Share with Your Students or Kids

How to Use this worksheet:

North America is a continent of varied landscapes and incredible diversity of species. Use this worksheet to share 10 interesting facts about the North American Wilderness with your students or kids. Simply print it or get creative during classroom quizzes!



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1. North America is the third largest continent in world, ranking just below Asia and Africa (which are the first and second largest continents, respectively).
2. North America covers an area of 9.54 million square miles (24.71 million square kilometers). This means that 16.5% of the Earth's total land area is encompassed of North America alone. North America contains 23 sovereign countries and 25 dependent territories.
3. The world's largest freshwater lake is in North America. Lake Superior, located on the border of United States and Canada, has a total surface area of 31698.99 sq miles (82,100 square kilometers). It is also the largest of North America's Great Lakes.
4. North America is bordered by three of the world's largest oceans, namely the Atlantic, Arctic, and Pacific.
5. Two of the world's largest tectonic plates are in North America. They collide frequently along California and Alaska, which usually causes violent earthquakes in the area.
6. North America's highest point is Mount McKinley (also called as Denali), which is a mountain peak located in Alaska. It has a summit elevation of 20,310 feet (6 Km) above sea level.
7. Of the 5,416 known and named species of mammals in the world, 965 can be found in North America. Famous North American mammals include bison, deer, coyotes, possums, beavers, bears, wolves, squirrels, and rabbits.
8. Gray whales are one of the most epic creatures that reside in North America. They circumnavigate the length of the continent every year; they spend the winter in the warm lagoons of Mexico, then move on to the colder waters of the Arctic Ocean in the summer.

9. Dolphins in North America (particularly those living in the Mid-Atlantic coast) exhibit a certain behavior that can't be seen anywhere else in the world. They operate as a single unit, to drive fish to land to catch it for food.

10. The lion's mane jellyfish, usually found near the Californian coast, is the world's largest jellyfish. Its tentacles can grow up to sixty feet in length, and its body can span 10 feet (3 m) wide!