



Family Newsletter for Unit 2

The East

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the regions, landforms, bodies of water, climate, and resources of the East
- where and how people live in New England and the Middle Atlantic states

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 3: Exploring the East

Natural resources Fish, granite, coal, and forests are important natural resources for the people of the East. Discuss with your child three natural resources that are important where you live. What are they? How do they help the people of your region?

Chapter 4: Living in the East

Capital cities The government of each state is based in a state capital. What is your state capital? Where is it located? How far is it from your hometown? What are some recent laws that the state has passed?

Make It

Important resources Select one important natural resource that you and your family use every day. Ask your child or your family to do without that resource for one day. Have your child record your family members' responses about not using it.

Read to Learn More About It

The Congress, by Carol Greene. Presents a clear picture of the work that senators and representatives do in Congress.

Sing Down the Moon, by Scott O'Dell. Fourteen-year-old Bright Morning tells the story of Navaho life in the mid-1860s.

Three Young Pilgrims, by Cheryl Harness. Three children are among the pilgrims who survive the harsh early years in America.



Technology

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