



**Where People Live
&
How They Trade**

Location

- 2nd largest country in the world (Russia is larger)
- Surrounded by three oceans: Atlantic, Arctic, & Pacific
- Southern border is the US
 - Alaska also forms part of the western border.
- Population is 33 million, which is small compared to its size (US population is 9 times larger!)
 - 90 percent of population lives within 100 miles of the US-Canadian border...WHY?

World America Centric Mercator Projection

0 2500 5000 miles
0 3,550 7,100 Km



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Climate

- **Southeastern** part of Canada has a MUCH warmer climate than the rest of the country.
 - Warm to hot summers & cold winters
 - Allows for a long growing season
- **Pacific coast** has a temperate climate.
 - Pacific ocean cools the region in summer and warms it in winter.
 - Over 100 inches of precipitation per year
- **Northern** Canada is COLD!
 - Few people live here – temperatures can be below freezing even in summer!

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Natural Resources

- Rich in natural resources:
 - coal, oil, natural gas, iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, molybdenum, potash, diamonds, & silver
- Rivers and lakes have an abundance of fish, fresh water, & hydroelectric power.
- Good soil allows farmers to grow crops for Canadians--with enough left over to trade with other countries
- Timber is also a major natural resource.

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- Sells oil and natural gas, fish, agricultural products, & timber to other countries
- Hydroelectricity is used in Canada and also sold to the US.
- 5% of the land in Canada is arable (actually a large amount because there is so much land).
 - Rich soil produces valuable crops that are consumed in Canada and traded to other countries.