

# Geography Lesson Plan

## Locate the Regions of Spain

**Grade Level(s):** 4-12

**Class Time:** 1 hour, or 2 hours with extensions

**Purpose:** To learn region names and region locations.

**National Geography Standards Exemplified:**

1. How to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective;
3. How to analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth's surface;
18. How to apply geography to interpret the present and plan for the future.

**Region Educational Standards or Indicators Exemplified:** Indiana SSAI

3. Students will examine the physical and human geographic factors associated with population characteristics and distribution;
10. Students will analyze and evaluate the physical and human geographic factors that contribute to the formation of regions.

**Background:** Students will need to have learned how to read a map, know the principal directions, and know how to find countries on a world wall map or in an atlas.

**Materials Required:** Country wall map or atlases; outline map of Spain (with individual region boundaries shown); pens or pencils (perhaps colored).

**Procedures:**

1. Initial instruction: Each country has numerous territorial subdivisions (called states, regions, provinces, or prefectures). To develop knowledge of a country it is important to learn about its principal subdivisions. They are called "autonomous communities" in Spain; there are 17 of them.
2. Ask students, working in small groups, to consult the wall map or the atlases on their work tables and locate Spain. Ask them to make a numbered list of the different regions and to label each region accurately on the outline map. Ask them to compare their list with their map to make sure all regions are identified.
3. For a challenge and for fun, ask them to color the boundaries so that no two regions that share a border have the same color boundary, with as few colors as possible.
4. Ask students to complete the Level 1 Geography Crossword Puzzle for Spain.

**Assessment:** Informal assessment by instructor moving from group to group and assisting with the lesson. Formal assessment could follow, with a quiz to place region names correctly on an outline map with region boundaries shown (perhaps with numbers shown on the map for each region and a list of region names, requiring the students to write the correct number next to the name).

**Adaptations/Extensions:**

1. Ask the students to draw a new map locating the regions of Spain, entirely on their own, as homework.
2. Ask students to complete the Level 2 Geography Crossword Puzzle for Spain.

**Resources:** World Trade Press for world wall maps, atlases. AtoZMapsOnline.com for base maps (with and without country boundaries).

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