SSC Canada and the US: Human Geography

1. Name two human characteristics that the United States and Canada have in common. Explain how they are alike.

   People in the United States and Canada mostly speak English. People in both countries make cars. We have the same culture. Both countries have commercial fishing and farming.

2. Name two human characteristics where the United States and Canada are NOT the same. Explain how they are different.

   The population of the US is larger than the population of Canada. Canada has provinces; the US has states. Canada has a French-speaking province. All states in the US are mainly English speaking.

3. What 3 European countries colonized the United States and Canada in the 1500s? Give the general areas each country colonized.

   Spain colonized Texas, Florida, and California.
   The British colonized along the coast of the Atlantic and around Hudson Bay.
   France colonized the Midwest from the Gulf of Mexico to almost the Hudson Bay

5. Where is the highest population density in this region?

The highest population density is found near water that can be used for transportation.

6. Why do you think that this region has such a small percentage of the world's population?

The US and Canada have such a small percentage of the world's population because the far north is too cold and the west is too dry.

7. Describe the following economic activities and tell where they occur in the United States and Canada.

**Commercial Farming:** grow and harvest crops to sell. It is found in central and Eastern US and southern Canada.

**Forestry:** harvesting trees to use as a resource throughout the central latitudes of Canada and Northwestern and Southeastern US.

**Manufacturing and Trade:** the making, buying and selling of goods and services. It is found in the northeastern US and along the Pacific coast.

8. Name 2 natural resources found in Canada and the US and describe how they are used by people.

Natural gas is used to fuel stoves.
Coal is used to produce energy.
Oil is used to make gasoline.
Water is used to make power/beer.