

REGIONAL IMAGES

Keywords to Find Images to Accompany a Presentation about Regions in North America

The Western Young-Rock Mountain and Valley Region

Keywords: Mountains in Colorado, Mountains in California, Mountains in Montana, Mountains in Nevada, Mountains in Oregon, Mountains in Washington, Mountains in Wyoming

The majority of these images show steep slopes. Many have the classic “layer-cake” of snow-covered peaks, forested high slopes, and grassland or even desert on the lower slopes and in the valleys.

The Northern Cold-Forest (or Tundra) Region

Keywords: Taiga in Alaska, Taiga in Canada, Taiga in Quebec

The majority of these images show slow-growing northern coniferous (spruce, fir, pine) forest; substituting the word “forest” for “taiga” adds images of a warmer, denser forest, with taller trees, some colorful hardwood trees (usually photographed in autumn, when maple leaves turn red, birch yellow, oak red or brown). Occasionally the photos include a building of some kind.

The Mid-Continent Grassland Region

Keywords: Grassland in Kansas, Grassland in Nebraska, Grassland in Dakota, Grassland in Saskatchewan

The majority of these images show rolling hills covered with grass; some have bison, antelope, or other grassland animals; some show trees in the valleys; a few have trees on the cooler north-facing slopes; and some show fences and other artifacts of a cattle-raising culture.

Southeastern Pine Forest and Plantation Region

Keywords: Pine forest in Alabama, Pine forest in Carolina, Pine forest in Georgia, Pine forest in Mississippi

The majority of these images show mature pine trees; many show only short grass or low plants between the trees; a few show the ground fires that keep the “understory” vegetation low. In some images, the fact that the trees are planted in straight rows is obvious. Substitute the words “cotton field” for “pine forest” to get images of the cotton that can grow in this long-summer climate.

Great Lakes Hardwood Forest and Farm Region

Keywords: Forest in Michigan, Forest in New York, Forest in Ohio, Forest in Pennsylvania, Forest in Vermont

These images show the diversity of the native forest in the Great Lakes States. The images from Michigan include some forests that look like the coniferous *Taiga* in Canada or Alaska; Vermont images put more emphasis on the colorful panorama of autumn. Substitute the word “farm” for “forest” to get images of classic small family farms – few will show the huge tractors, other machines, and the long, low buildings that house cattle or hogs on a modern Midwestern farm.

Southwestern Desert Region (optional addition)

Keywords: Desert in Arizona, Desert in California, Desert in Nevada, Desert in Oregon, Desert in Utah

The majority of these images show dry land with low plants and some bare rock. A few show sand dunes, which are actually quite rare in the deserts of the world). Interestingly, the images for several states show the same “classic” desert image from old movies (a panorama of Monument Valley in Utah, named for the isolated rocky buttes that look like statue bases or grave markers).