

Grade 3	Geography Brainstorming Map
Overview	With the assistance of the teacher, the students will use bubbl.us to make a brainstorming map of the Midwest. This will help the children later when they label a map of the Midwest.
Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students will list all of the Midwest states in their own bubble. 2. The students will list all major rivers in their own bubble. 3. The students will list all major lakes, including the Great Lakes, in their own bubble.
Standards	3.3.1 Use labels and symbols to locate and identify physical and political features on maps and globes. Label a map of the Midwest, identifying states, major rivers, lakes and the Great Lakes.
Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbook or map with a list of all Midwest states, rivers, and lakes. • Computer and Internet access for all students. • Blank map of the Midwest for each student. • Writing utensil for each student.
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The teacher will explain the assignment to the students. 2. Have the students start with the main bubble labeled "The Midwest" 3. Next, have the students make three bubbles branching off the main bubble. There should be a bubble labeled "states", another labeled "major rivers", and the other labeled "major lakes". 4. The students should then use a textbook or map to find all states, major rivers, and major lakes located in the Midwest. 5. The students will make a bubble for each state, river, or lake branching off their respective category. 6. Finally, the students will use the brainstorming map to assist them in labeling a map of the Midwest.
Evaluation	<p>The students will be evaluated on the how well they completed the objectives listed above. The following can be used as an example rubric.</p> <p>----</p> <p>Objective 1. The students will list all of the Midwest states in their own bubble.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 bubble labeled "states". (1 pt) * 1 bubble for each state. (1/2 pt a piece) * Naming the correct states. (1/2 pt a piece) <p>** Total 13 pts</p> <p>----</p> <p>Objective 2. The students will list all major rivers in their own bubble.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1 bubble labeled "rivers". (1 pt) * 1 bubble for each major river. (1/2 pt a piece) * Naming correct rivers. (1/2 pt a piece)

** Total 6 pts

Objective 3. The students will list all major lakes, including the Great Lakes, in their own bubble.

* 1 bubble labeled "lakes". (1 pt)

* 1 bubble for each major lake. (1/2 pt a piece)

* Naming correct lakes. (1/2 pt a piece)

** Total 16

Grand total 35 pts