Formal and Functional Regions in Canada
British Columbia
Formal and Functional Regions
Western Cordillera - Formal Region

The Western Cordillera is a physiographic region of Canada.

This region exists in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. The Rocky Mountains are the eastern boundary, the Pacific Ocean is the western boundary.

The Western Cordillera is a formal region because:

- It has specific boundaries that set this region apart from other regions
- It shares specific environmental qualities that set it apart from other regions
- It is mapped using physical characteristics.
The city of Vancouver is a formal region. It is defined by Boundary Road to the East, the University of British Columbia in the West, the Fraser River in the South and Burrard Inlet in the North.

Vancouver is a formal region because:

- It has specific boundaries
- It shares a municipal government
- Everyone follows the same laws
Functional Regions in the Western Cordillera

There are several ski hills within the Western Cordillera:

This is a functional region because:

- It can change - ski hills are built, and ski hills go out of business
- It serves a function - people engage in winter sports here
- People are employed in jobs that service the winter recreation industry.
Functional Regions in the Western Cordillera

There are several mining operations in the Western Cordillera. These mines form different functional regions because:

- Mines may open or close depending on the availability of minerals.
- The location of mines may change depending on the availability of minerals.
- It serves a function - minerals are dug up, and people are employed here.
Functional Regions in the Western Cordillera

BC and the Yukon share a system of roads and highways. This forms a shared functional region because:

- The roadways can be expanded or shrink depending on use and demand.
- The roadways function as a means to connect different municipalities in BC and the Yukon.
- Access to these roadways can change depending on natural and human caused factors.
Resources:


Assignment:

You will be randomly assigned a province of Canada and a person to work with.

Together you will create a 2 minute presentation outlining the formal and functional regions in your province.

You must do 5 examples. You can divide up your examples between Formal and Functional.

For each example - include 3 reasons why it is defined as a FORMAL or FUNCTIONAL region.

Include images and short (SHORT) videos if possible.
Due on Thursday in Class!