Chapter 17: As One Century Ends, Another Begins

West Virginia in the Modern Era

Directions: In this lesson, you will examine data to understand about West Virginia today and how it compares to other states. Maybe you can figure out this crazy map?

Instructions: Use the links to access the websites needed to answer each item.

Explore the first link. Read the information below the map, and try out the zoom and bouncy map options.

West Virginia Population Facts

Population	
Population Rank	
Population Share	
African-American Population (rank)	
Hispanic Population (rank)	

Set the map to show **Population**, and toggle the **Regular/Bouncy** option.

1. What happens to West Virginia when you toggle the option? Why? _____
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2. Explain what happens to the state of Alaska. _____
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3. Explain what happens to the state of New Jersey. _____
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Name: _____   Date: _____

Population and Population Density by County

Using this link, analyze the data and answer the questions below.

4. Which is the least populated county in West Virginia? Which is the most populated?

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5. Based on the map, which 3 counties do you believe would be the most densely populated?

    Why?_____

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    Now, use this link to look at population density in different counties of the state.

6. What do you notice about how the map has changed?

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7. With this new information, were your guesses for question 5 correct? How has your view on population density changed?

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8. Which county is actually the most densely populated?

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