### Topic: The United States and Its Neighbors (2.1)  
**Grade:** 3rd Grade Social Studies


| Score 4.0 | In addition to Score 3.0, in-depth inferences and applications that go beyond what was taught.  
- Investigate how global warming may affect Florida. |
| Score 3.0 | The student will be able to use maps to describe the climate, physical features, natural resources, natural landmarks, and man-made landmarks of the United States and its neighbors.  
- Performs complex skills:  
  - Distinguish between the natural and man-made landmarks located in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean  
  - Evaluate the importance of natural resources to the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean nations  
  - Analyze how and why climate and vegetation varies across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean nations  
  - Compare and contrast the physical features of North American countries and the Caribbean nations  
**The student exhibits no major errors or omissions regarding the score 3.0 content.** |
| Score 2.0 | The student:  
- Recognizes or recalls specific terminology:  
  - Canada, Mexico, United States, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, physical features, climate, vegetation, terrain, natural resources, natural and man-made landmarks  
- Performs basic skills:  
  - Locate natural and man-made landmarks of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean  
  - Name the natural resources of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean  
  - Identify the climate and vegetation of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean  
  - Describe the physical features of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean  
  - Identify the location of the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean on a map  
**No major errors or omissions regarding the score 2.0 content.** |
| Score 1.0 | With help, I know some of 2.0 and 3.0. |
| Score 0.0 | Even with help, I am unable to understand. |