

Climate Change and the Great Lakes

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore –Graphic Organizer



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Great Lake Literacy Principle	Key Components
1. The Great Lakes are bodies of fresh water with many features are connected to each other and to the world oceans.	
2. Natural forces formed the Great Lakes; their lakes continue to shape the features of their watershed.	
3. The Great Lakes influence local and regional weather and climate.	
4. Water made Earth habitable; fresh water sustains life on land.	
5. The Great Lakes support a broad diversity of life and ecosystems.	
6. The Great Lakes and humans in their watersheds are inextricably interconnected.	
7. Much remains to be learned about the Great Lakes.	
8. The Great Lakes are socially, economically and environmentally significant to the region, the nation, and the planet.	

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The Great Lake Literacy Principles

Directions: Fill in the graphic organizer with visual representations and short notes about each principle

1. The Great Lakes are connected to each other and to the world ocean.	2. Natural forces formed the Great Lakes.
3. The Great Lakes influence local and regional weather and climate.	4. Fresh water sustains life Earth.
5. The Great Lakes support diverse plants, animals, and ecosystems.	6. The Great Lakes and humans are deeply connected.
7. Much can still be learned about the Great Lakes.	8. The Great Lakes are significant for many reasons to the entire planet.

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