



Norway's Landscape

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agged mountains, rocky island clusters, deep fjords – Norway's landscape can be summed up in one word: dramatic. Far north you'll find the midnight sun, where the sun shines for 76 days straight in summer. All across the country lie the deep, calm fjords: narrow bodies of water that stretch far inland, formed when glaciers melted during the lce Age. Exploring Norway's notable landscape is a fun way for the whole family to learn about what makes the country so unique.

Activities for Young People

ELEMENTARY AGES

Create a torn paper picture of

and glue the strips together on

one big sheet to make pictures of

creating-torn-paper-landscapes.

Create a landform collage. Trace

of paper. Cut out the shape and

Norwegian geography terms.

a map of Norway on a large piece

use smaller pieces of paper to label

valleys, oceans and fjords using the

valleys, fjords and mountains. Take

inspiration from *makeandtakes.com*/

Norway's landscape. Tear up different

colors of construction paper. Overlap

Paper Fun

EXPAND IT:



PRESCHOOL Map It!

Help kids locate Norway on a map or globe. Point out neighboring Scandinavian countries and

North America. Watch a video to learn about Norway's landscape at *easyscienceforkids.com/all-aboutnorway/.*

EXPAND IT: Color Norway map pages using colored pencils or crayons to mark various types of terrain, like mountains, forests and fjords. Download pages at *coloring.ws/norway.htm*.

TEENAGERS

Quiz

Take out a notebook and write your own questions and answers about Norway's geography to test family members.

EXPAND IT: Norway isn't the only country with fjords and 24-hour days. Regions of Alaska have fjords and spend part of the summer in endless daylight. Check out a map to find Norway and Alaska's fjords and compare which parts of the world fall in the Arctic Circle.

RESOURCES

Fjord Photos fjordtravel.no 3D Salt Dough Maps kidworldcitizen.org/2012/01/29/ 3d-salt-dough-maps/



Norway Map Puzzle scandinavianshoppe.com

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