**North Carolina Salt Dough Map**

**Social Studies Project**

**Due December 9, 2016**

**Materials**: Large piece of cardboard, heavy poster board, or thin piece of wood

Several cups of salt

Several cups of flour

Food coloring

Water

**Directions:**

1. On large cardboard or poster board (at least 8 x 10, but not larger than a poster size), draw an outline of the state of

North Carolina. Divide the state into the 3 regions we have studied (Mountains, Piedmont, Coastal Plains).

2. Mix salt and flour using 2 parts salt to 1 part flour.

3. Stir in enough water to make a smooth heavy paste.

4. Divide the paste into 3 parts.

5. Add a different color food coloring to each part. Dark food coloring works best. The colors fade as the dough dries.

6. Place dough onto the outline to form a relief map of North Carolina’s 3 regions.

7. Include a color-coded map key of the regions.

**Details:**

• Paint and label at least 8 rivers and in North Carolina. Label 6 other important features

of North Carolina, such as: the Outer Banks, Mt. Mitchell, the Fall Line, Jockey’s Ridge, Wayne Country Day, etc.

(You can use flags for the labels).

• Paint and label the 4 surrounding states.

* Label Raleigh and Goldsboro.

• Paint and label the Atlantic Ocean.

**Optional** **Hints:**

• For a more attractive map, don’t put your map directly on bare cardboard. Paint the cardboard

or cover it with foil first.

• Use a ruler to measure map and draw to scale. Use one of the maps in your

Social Studies book or binder to guide you.

• Print out labels using a computer. Cut them out and glue them down neatly or use them to make

flags.

**Grading:**

Your Salt Dough Map will be worth two Social Studies grades. Your map will be graded for

neatness, **accuracy** of information, inclusion of details, and completion of project according to

directions.