Identify the standards to be addressed:
Missouri Standard: Analyze physical geography to explain how regions are connected or isolated from each other.

Statement of the objective and lesson outcomes:
Students will create and label the physical/political features of North America on a 3D Map.

Materials, resources, and technology to be used by teacher/students:
Cardboard for the base of your map.
3D Map Materials: You have several options to create this 3D Map.
- Construction Paper
- Playdough
- Salt Dough (Mixture of Salt, water, and all-purpose flour)

3D Label/Object Materials: Depending on what you use your 3D Map for, students can create several items.
- Toothpick and paper to label items
- Origami monuments or objects
- Students may bring small items from home to add to their map.
- Notecards (Key for map)
- Paint or Markers to color regions and physical features

Google Slides Public Link:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nYFGWRj80Js7NtDaYHhGMWvAkGeVnuGfpxpV1vF-EM/edit?usp=sharing

Introduction of the topic:
This will be our first lesson when we begin the North America/United States Unit! Students will discover the physical features such as the plains, mountains, bodies of waters, the Great Lakes and rivers, etc that make up America! This map is a great tool to use as we discuss the 13 Colonies and later topics regarding Western Expansion. Students will have a better understanding of America's resources and where colonists settled and why.

Procedure for instruction:
The lesson will be broken up into three-one hour class sessions.
Day #1: Create or sculpt the North America or United States Outline out of Playdough, Salt Dough or Construction Paper.
Day #2: Using paint or markers, students will color in the elevation on their maps.
Day #3: Students will create and label 3 or more 3D monuments, historical moments in history, or other items related to American history or geography. They will label them and write a description for each one and how it ties into the geography of the region.
6. **Lesson closure:**
   Students will present their maps to their Team! This map will also be an amazing tool to either quiz students on physical features or to use as a learning tool for upcoming lessons in order to tie geography to America's history and culture.

7. **Assessment of Understanding:**
   Rubric is on the last slide of Google Slide Presentation.