Formal Assessment:

Multiple Choice (Basic Factual Information):

1. Which of the following statements is NOT true of New York State today?
    a) Its major industries include finance, communications, international trade, publishing, fashion, communications, farming, and tourism.
    b) Its main rivers include the Hudson, the Mowhawk, and the Genesse River.
    c) Its state capital is Rochester, NY.
    d) It consists of 62 counties.
2. Which of the following symbols of New York State is inaccurate?
    a) The state fruit is the Apple.
    b) The state flower is the dandelion.
    c) The state tree is the Sugar Maple.
    d) The state mammal is the beaver.
3. Which of the following facts is true of New York State?
    a) New York State was not one of the original 13 colonies.
    b) Albany became the state capital in 1797.
    c) The Erie Canal is the state's longest river.
    d) The Adirondacks is the largest body of water in the state of New York.

Visual Analysis:

4. Based on the map to the right, the capital of New York State is:
    a) Rochester
    b) Syracuse
    c) Albany
    d) Buffalo

5. Based on the map provided, which of the following does NOT border New York State?
    a) Canada
    b) Lake Ontario
    c) Pennsylvania
    d) Virginia
6. Based on the map pictured, what is the longest body of water in New York State?
    a) Lake Ontario
    b) Lake Erie
    c) Hudson River
    d) The Finger Lakes

Reading in the Content Area:

7. Why are farming and agriculture so popular in New York State?
   a) Because New York State has a lot of cows.
   b) Because New York State has lots of mountains.
   c) Because New York State has several major cities.
   d) Because New York State is known for its rich soil and easy access to bodies of water.
8. Why are the bodies of water in New York State so important?
   a) They serve as means of transportation, travel, and trade.
   b) They provide drinking water for citizens.
   c) They provide water to swim in.
   d) They make New York State one of the prettiest states in the USA.

Essential Questions:

9. To what extent does geography affect your life today?
10. How has the geography of where you currently live affected your life for the better or worse?
11. If you lived a hundred years ago, how would your geography have affected you differently than it currently does? Or would it have made no difference?
12. What if you settled away from a water source, how would your life be different? How would you survive without a water source nearby?
13. What if New York wasn't one of the original 13 colonies? How would life be different today?
14. Why do you think water sources were/are so important in todays/past societies? Consider life in the 13 colonies, versus life in the fifty states today.
15. What if you lived during the construction of the 13 colonies, how would your geography affect you? Would you have settled in New York State, if not, where would you have settled and why?
16. To what extent did the creation of the 13 colonies affect your life today?
17. To what extent has the geography of New York State affected your life thus far?

Applying New Learning:

18. Think about what you have learned today and your background knowledge of New York State. If you were to choose anywhere in the state of New York to live, where would it be and why? Be descriptive and provide a thorough explanation as to why you chose where you did. Consider the benefits and downfalls of each place; consider the seasonal climate, location, geographical features, population, etc.
19. What would be the ideal geography if you were to start your own colony, and why? What benefits/downfalls would there be? What would you need to survive? What climate would be ideal? Etc.