U.S.–Russia–China Summit (November 20, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

ℹ️ **What?** A first-ever meeting: the presidents of the United States, China and Russia met all together for the very first time. 🤝

👤 **Who?** Donald Trump (United States), Xi Jinping (China) and Vladimir Putin (Russia), the leaders of three of the most powerful countries on the planet.

🌍 **Where?** In Shenzhen, a big city in southern China, during the APEC summit, which brings together 21 economies from Asia and the Pacific.

🕰️ **When?** On Thursday, November 19, 2026.

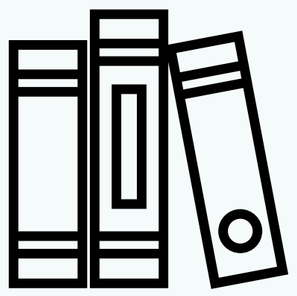
❓ **Why is it important?** Because these three countries have a huge influence on the world, and they talked about peace, energy and nuclear weapons.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal is to learn a little more about these three giants… by measuring them from every angle!** 📏



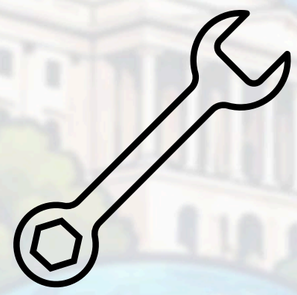
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the first meeting between the presidents of the United States, China and Russia, at the APEC summit in Shenzhen
- Estimate the height of three people using a photo with measuring lines
- Convert centimetres to decimetres and calculate an average
- Measure the distances between three capitals with Google Earth
- Calculate the perimeter of a triangle and compare it with the distance around the Earth
- Compare the area and population of the three countries using two charts



SUBJECTS

- **Mathematics**
  - Measuring lengths and converting units
  - Average and perimeter
  - Division and population density
- **Geography**
  - Capitals and world powers
  - Distances on a globe
  - Area and population of countries
- **Culture and Citizenship**
  - Diplomacy and international meetings
  - Critical reading of an image



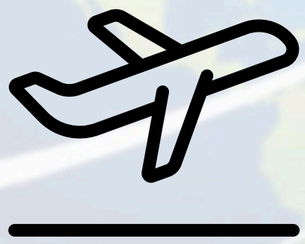
COMPETENCIES

- Read and interpret an image and charts
- Use a digital measuring tool
- Perform calculations (difference, average, perimeter, division)
- Estimate and round a result
- Think critically about an image



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they know the presidents of the United States, China and Russia
- Ask them why heads of state meet in person
- Show a globe and a world map: where are Washington, Moscow and Beijing?
- Ask them how we could measure a person’s height in a photo

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Real Giants? Observation of an official summit photo with measuring lines, then answers to five questions on measurement, calculation and reflection.

Q1 — Trump: about 190 cm; Xi: about 185 cm; Putin: about 175 cm (± 2 cm).
Q2 — About 19 dm (190 cm ÷ 10).
Q3 — About 15 cm (190 − 175).
Q4 — About 183 cm ((190 + 185 + 175) ÷ 3 ≈ 183.3).
Q5 — Answers will vary: shoe heels, hairstyle, posture or distance from the camera.

STEP 2 — The Giants' Triangle. Measurement of the distances between Washington, Moscow and Beijing with Google Earth, then calculation of the triangle's perimeter.

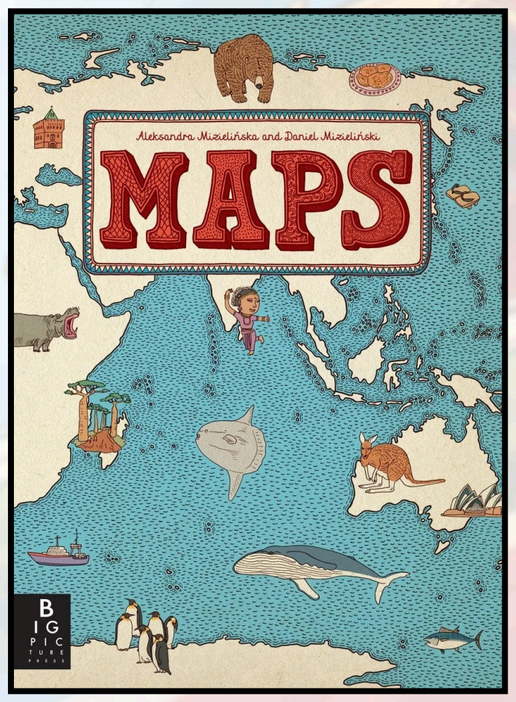
Q6 — About 7,800 km (accept 7,700 to 7,900 km).
Q7 — About 5,800 km (accept 5,700 to 5,900 km).
Q8 — About 11,100 km (accept 11,000 to 11,300 km).
Q9 — About 24,700 km (sum of the student's three measurements; accept 24,400 to 25,100 km).
Q10 — Longer: 24,700 km is more than half the distance around the Earth (20,000 km).

STEP 3 — The Giants in Numbers. Reading of two charts (10 largest countries, 10 most populous countries), then answers to five questions on calculation and observation.

Q11 — About 10 times (1,413 ÷ 143 ≈ 9.9).
Q12 — Almost 2 times (17.1 ÷ 9.6 ≈ 1.8).
Q13 — About 8 people per km² (143 ÷ 17.1 ≈ 8.4).
Q14 — About 147 people per km² (1,413 ÷ 9.6 ≈ 147.2).
Q15 — Brazil and India.

WRAPPING UP

- Hold a group discussion about what the students learned
- Discuss what surprised them (a triangle of nearly 25,000 km, Russia almost twice as large as China, but with 10 times fewer people)
- Ask: why does the shortest route between two cities often pass near the North Pole?
- Ask: does a photo always tell the truth?



FURTHER EXPLORATION

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