

# New Jersey's 21 Club

**Grade Level:** K-2

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**Objective:** Students will be able to locate all 21 counties of New Jersey on a map.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies (2020):**

6.1.2.Geo.HE.3: Identify cultural and environmental characteristics of different regions in New Jersey and the United States.

6.1.2.Geo.HE.4: Investigate the relationship between the physical environment of a place and the economic activities found there

6.1.2.HistorySE.3: Use historical data from a variety of sources to investigate the development of a local community (e.g., origins of its name, originating members, important historical events and places).

## **Materials:**

- 21 Club letter with maps and study materials
- 21 Club quiz (blank county map with word bank)
- 21 Club membership cards

## **Procedures/Activities:**

### 1. Preparing for the quiz:

- Distribute 21 Club Letter to students
- Read letter together and discuss why memorizing the counties would be important
- Brainstorm ways to study at home together
- Suggestion: Get a blank county map of NJ and cut out 21 slips with each county name. Place the slips on the map and then check answers with an answer key.
- Students must have parents sign and return slip for the assignment and then study at home for about 2 weeks.

### 2. Taking the quiz:

- Students will take the quiz by writing all of the county names in the correct places on a blank county map. They MAY use a word bank.
- If students pass, they get a special membership card for the 21 Club. If students do not pass, they must study at home and retake the quiz until they do pass.

## **Assessment:**

Students will show their geographical knowledge of NJ counties by taking their 21 Club Quiz.

# NEW JERSEY'S 21 CLUB

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like all students to become members of New Jersey's 21 Club by memorizing New Jersey's 21 counties according to where they belong on the county map.

I would like everyone to have New Jersey's 21 counties memorized by:

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This memorization task will be useful for students to get to know their state geographically (especially if they decide to be future New Jerseyans when they grow up)! We are also making a New Jersey cake in June, where students will have to piece together the counties.

Attached is a large map of New Jersey, with county names that students can cut out and sort onto the map to study. They can check their answers with the answer key.

Have fun and thank you for your help and support!

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PLEASE SIGN THE BOTTOM PORTION AND RETURN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

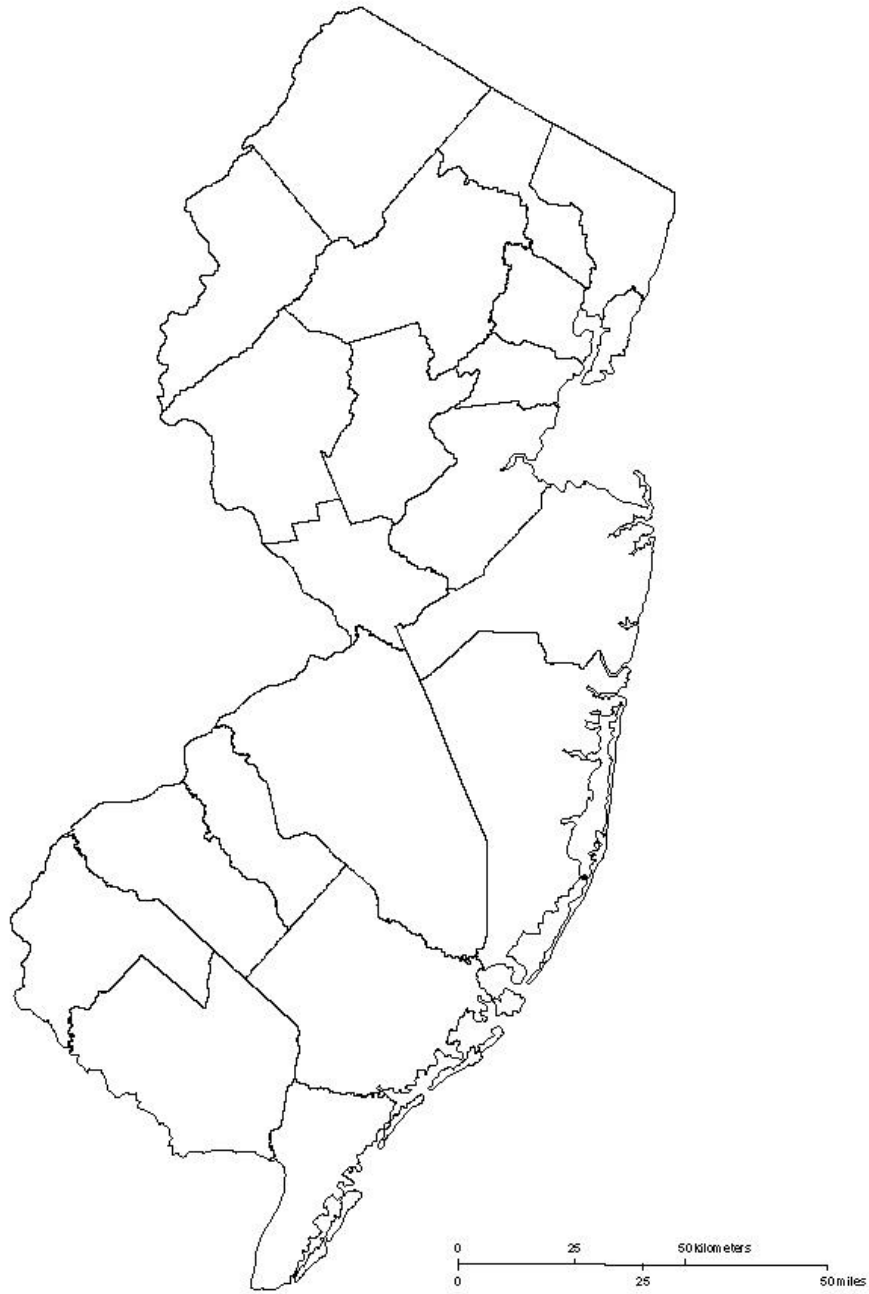
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*I have received the 21 Club Letter and will assist my child in studying for their quiz on \_\_\_\_\_.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEW JERSEY



(map from <http://www.yellowmaps.com/map/new-jersey-blank-map-125.htm>)

**Directions:** Cut out the county names and place them where they belong on the map. Then, check the answer key to correct your work!

**WORD BANK:**

Sussex	Warren	Passaic
Morris	Hunterdon	Mercer
Middlesex	Bergen	Hudson
Essex	Union	Monmouth
Atlantic	Ocean	Cape May
Burlington	Camden	Cumberland
Salem	Gloucester	Somerset

**ANSWER KEY:**



*(map from <http://www.waterproofpaper.com/printable-maps/new-jersey.shtml>)*

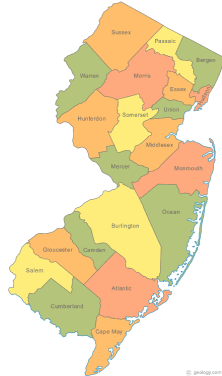
**21 Club Membership Cards:** (map at <http://geology.com/state-map/new-jersey.shtml>)

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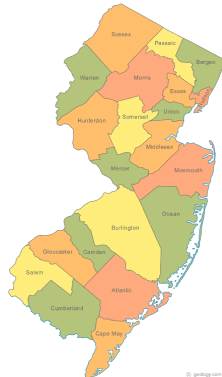
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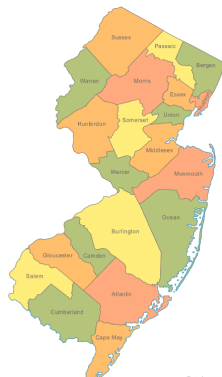
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