**The Northern Interior**

**Geography**

- B.C. and Yukon territory

- environment is Boreal Forest

- spruce and fir trees

- climate cold, precipition low

- few people live in region compared to rest province

- many mtns. and plateaus, and lakes

- many bogs due to poor drainage

- central area of region east of Coast Mtns. - cold winters, warm summers

- two rivers - Skeena and Fraser (lots of salmon)

**Resources**

- fewer resources due to harsh climate

- moose, caribou, deer, cougars, black bears, coyotes, and wolves

- also lynx, muskrat, marten, mink, and beavers

- don’t forget the salmon!

**People**- Athapaskan language family (7 languages spoken)- northern - Yinka Dene or Yinka Whut'en- central - Dakelh (Carrier)- Stikine watershed - Tahltan

- east - Gitxan

- southeast - Wet'suwet'en

- adapted to harsh climate by developing flexible society

- move during year according to season

<http://maps.fphlcc.ca/taxonomy/term/7>