



GREATEST LAKES IN THE WORLD ACTIVITY

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

1. As you know the Great Lakes include some of the largest freshwater lakes in the world. With the help of an atlas or web site, list the 13 largest freshwater lakes by surface area on the chart below. Include the area, average depth, maximum depth and volume of each.

Rank	Name of Lake	Area	Average depth	Maximum Depth	Water Volume	% volume freshwater
1	Superior					
2						
3		23,010 mi ² (59,596 km ²)				
4						
5				4,823 ft (1,470 m)		
6					5,521 mi ³ (23,000 km ³)	
7						
8			958 ft (292 m)			
9						
10						
11						
12						
13	Ladoga					

2. The total volume of the world's available freshwater in rivers, lakes and wetlands is about 30,000 mi³ (120,000 km³). Figure out the percent each lake contains of the total volume of available freshwater. Figure out the percent the Great Lakes contain of the world's available freshwater. Graph the volume of the lakes as a bar graph. Make a pie chart to show the 13 lakes as part of the 30,000 mi³ 120,000 km³ of available freshwater.

3. If you were to rearrange your list of the top 13 lakes in the world according to their volume rather than their area how would that change the list?

4. Do you think the Great Lakes deserve the title, "Great Lakes"? Why or why not?
