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North America



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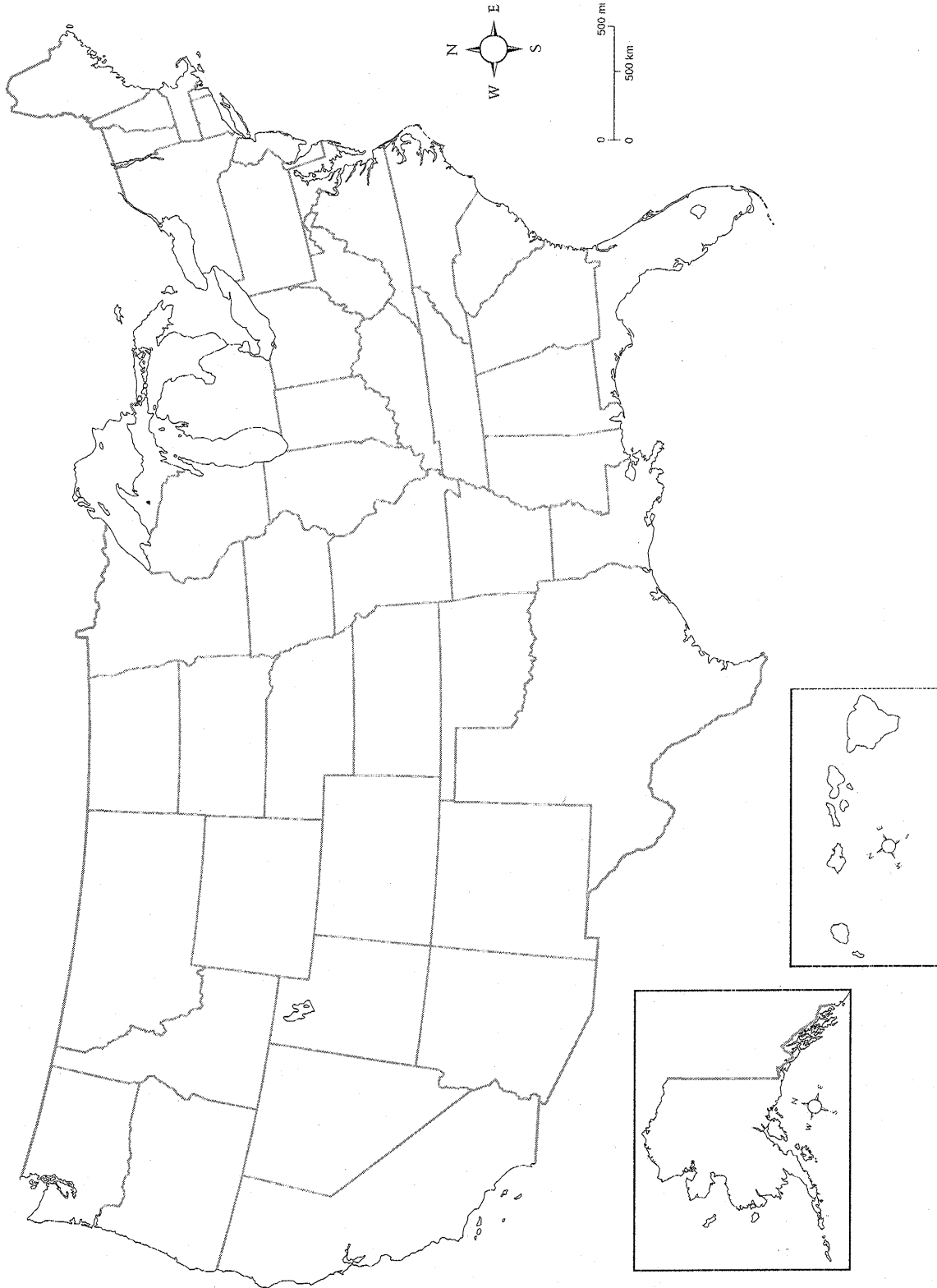
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The United States



The United States

Directions: Fill in the outline below. Filling in the blanks will help you as you read and study Chapter 1.

I. Section 1: The United States (pp. 34–36)

A. Location

1. On the continent of _____
2. Between the _____ and _____ Oceans
3. In the _____ latitudes

B. Regions

1. Defined by _____, _____, and _____ features
2. _____ is the smallest, but has the largest city
3. _____ has a broad coastal plain
4. The Midwest borders _____
5. _____ is the largest

II. Section 2: Physical Features and Climate (pp. 37–41)

A. Physical Features

1. _____, _____, and _____ mountain ranges
2. The _____ contains the lowest place in North America

B. Effect of the Ice Age

1. Glaciers are _____
2. Glaciers dug _____
3. Melted ice formed _____ and _____

C. Effect of Water

1. Workers dam rivers to create _____ power
2. Oceans are a major source of _____

D. Climate

1. Influenced by _____, _____, and _____
2. The U.S. has _____ climates, including _____

E. Effect of Geography

1. People adapt to _____

The United States, continued**III. Section 3: The People (pp. 42–45)****A. Culture**

1. Is _____
2. Multiculturalism is a _____

B. Religion

1. People of all religions live in the U.S., but most are _____

C. Language

1. Allows people to _____
2. Most people in the U.S. speak _____ or _____

D. Where People Live

1. 80 percent of U.S. citizens _____
2. Metropolitan areas include the _____ and _____
3. _____ and _____ helped settlers move west

E. Trends

1. The population is becoming _____
2. People are moving to the _____ and _____

IV. Section 4: Economy and Environment (pp. 46–49)**A. Natural Resources**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. Industries

1. _____ is an important product for an industrialized country
2. About one-fourth of U.S. workers are involved in _____
3. Some U.S. industries are _____

C. Service Industries

1. A service industry is _____
2. Examples are _____

D. Environmental Challenges

1. Recycling, or _____, is a way to create less garbage
2. _____ and _____ pollution can cause serious health problems

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Facts About the United States

Directions: Read each sentence. Write *T* if the statement is *true* or *F* if it is *false*.

- _____ 1) The United States is bordered by Canada on the north and Mexico on the south.
- _____ 2) The Atlantic Ocean forms the west coast of the United States.
- _____ 3) Latitude explains how far east or west a place is from the Prime Meridian.
- _____ 4) The United States is located in the middle latitudes.
- _____ 5) The equator lies halfway between the North and South Poles.
- _____ 6) The United States is divided into three regions: the Northeast, the Midwest, and the West.
- _____ 7) Regions are defined according to their population.
- _____ 8) The smallest region of the United States is the Northeast.
- _____ 9) New York is the nation's biggest city.
- _____ 10) Miami, Florida, is an important port city in the South.
- _____ 11) Cloth making is an important industry in the West.
- _____ 12) Most of the grain produced in the United States is grown in the Midwest.
- _____ 13) Chicago, Minneapolis, and St. Louis are key business centers in the Midwest.
- _____ 14) California is the largest of the fifty states.
- _____ 15) Missouri has more people than any other state.

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Physical Features and Climate

Directions: Write the answers to these questions using complete sentences.

- 1) What are four peaks in the Cascade Mountains?

- 2) What is the lowest place in North America? Where is it?

- 3) How were the Great Lakes formed?

- 4) What are two tributaries of the Mississippi River system?

- 5) How is a delta formed?

- 6) What is hydroelectric power?

- 7) What three factors influence Earth's climate?

- 8) What area receives the most direct sunlight? How does this affect the area?

- 9) How does being near water affect the climate of an area?

- 10) Which two regions of the United States have long, cold winters and hot, wet summers?

United States Culture Puzzle

Directions: Write the correct word from the Word Bank to complete these sentences.

Word Bank

Immigrants

Judaism

Rustbelt

Christians

Sunbelt

English

Multiculturalism

Suburbs

- 1) _____ believe in the teachings of Jesus.
- 2) _____ is much older than Christianity.
- 3) _____ is the language spoken by most people in the United States.
- 4) _____ states are growing more slowly or losing population.
- 5) _____ is a blend of many cultures.
- 6) _____ are people who come to the United States from other countries.
- 7) _____ states like California and Florida are the fastest growing states.
- 8) _____ are areas next to a city.

Use the words from the sentences to fill in the words in the puzzle. The letters in the box spell the word for the way of life of a group of people.

- 9) _____
- 10) _____
- 11) _____
- 12) _____
- 13) _____
- 14) _____
- 15) _____

All About the Environment

Directions: Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- 1) A natural resource is
 - a. a product made in another country.
 - b. made from recycled materials.
 - c. manufactured in the United States.
 - d. a raw material from nature.
- 2) U.S. farmers
 - a. do not produce enough food for the citizens of the United States.
 - b. sell all of their food to other countries.
 - c. produce enough food for everyone in the United States.
 - d. get all their food from other countries.
- 3) The U.S. has minerals such as
 - a. coal, natural gas, and oil.
 - b. coal, pulp, and oil.
 - c. water, oil, and coal.
 - d. gold, oil, and water.
- 4) Steel is
 - a. an important product for an industrialized country.
 - b. mined in the Pacific Northwest.
 - c. a renewable resource.
 - d. found along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.
- 5) The first assembly line was used in
 - a. a steel mill.
 - b. an automobile factory.
 - c. an aircraft factory.
 - d. a paper mill.
- 6) Computer and electronic manufacturing
 - a. employs one-fourth of the people in the U.S.
 - b. are service industries.
 - c. are fast growing industries.
 - d. are the oldest industries in the U.S.
- 7) Most people in the U.S. work
 - a. in factories.
 - b. in coal mines.
 - c. on assembly lines.
 - d. in service industries.
- 8) Recycling
 - a. is making new products from old ones.
 - b. damages the environment.
 - c. is burning or burying garbage.
 - d. wastes natural resources.
- 9) Impure and unhealthy air
 - a. does not cause health problems.
 - b. is a bigger problem in rural areas than in cities.
 - c. is caused by air pollution.
 - d. is a natural resource.
- 10) One cause of water pollution is
 - a. the use of plastics and aluminum cans.
 - b. the dumping of dangerous chemicals into rivers and lakes.
 - c. the burning of newspapers.
 - d. using rivers and lakes for recreation.

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U.S. Trivia

Directions: Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- 1) North America is
 - a. a country.
 - b. a continent.
 - c. an ocean.
 - d. a city.
- 2) The equator is
 - a. an imaginary line that goes around the middle of Earth.
 - b. a fixed point at zero degrees longitude.
 - c. a line that shows how far east or west a place is.
 - d. a line that forms the border between North America and South America.
- 3) The Prime Meridian runs through
 - a. Washington, D.C.
 - b. Greenwich, England.
 - c. Baltimore, Maryland.
 - d. Denver, Colorado.
- 4) The first region to build industries was
 - a. the West.
 - b. the South.
 - c. the Northeast.
 - d. the Midwest.
- 5) The South contains
 - a. 14 states.
 - b. 12 states.
 - c. 13 states.
 - d. 16 states.
- 6) The South attracts factory owners
 - a. because of its mild climate and lower cost of labor.
 - b. because it has the oldest factories in the country.
 - c. because it is a center for the banking industry.
 - d. because a lot of people live there.
- 7) Much of the Midwest region is
 - a. a dense forest.
 - b. a large plain.
 - c. a dry desert.
 - d. an island.
- 8) Many midwestern farmers grow
 - a. grasses and mosses.
 - b. cotton and rice.
 - c. corn and soybeans.
 - d. oranges and pineapples.
- 9) The largest of the four regions in the United States is
 - a. the South.
 - b. the Northeast.
 - c. the Midwest.
 - d. the West.
- 10) An area in which few or no people live is a
 - a. plain.
 - b. desert.
 - c. subregion.
 - d. suburb.

All About the United States

Directions: Write the correct word from the Word Bank to complete these sentences.

Word Bank				
Prime Meridian	seven	California	regions	Northeast
western	cotton	Mexico	latitude	Midwest

- 1) _____ borders the United States on the south.
- 2) There are _____ continents on Earth.
- 3) Geographers use _____ to describe how far north or south of the equator a place is.
- 4) Longitude is measured from the _____.
- 5) Geographers define _____ according to their physical, economic, and historic features.
- 6) The capital of the United States is in the _____ region.
- 7) At one time, the South grew much of the world's _____.
- 8) The _____ is called America's breadbasket.
- 9) The Rocky Mountains are in the _____ region.
- 10) Most of the people in the western region live in _____.

Physical Feature Match-Up

Directions: Match the words in column 1 with their meanings in column 2. Write the letter on the line.

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| _____ 1) delta | a. large, slow-moving sheet of ice |
| _____ 2) basin | b. imaginary line that lies 23.5 degrees north of the equator |
| _____ 3) weather | c. side from which the wind is blowing |
| _____ 4) steppe climate | d. area of rich land at the mouth of a river |
| _____ 5) glacier | e. level at the surface of the ocean |
| _____ 6) tributary | f. climate with very hot summers and very cold winters, with little precipitation |
| _____ 7) highland climate | g. low area of land surrounded by higher land |
| _____ 8) leeward | h. average of weather conditions over a period of time |
| _____ 9) precipitation | i. climate with hot and humid summers and mild winters |
| _____ 10) sea level | j. climate with mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers |
| _____ 11) windward | k. smaller river that flows into a bigger one |
| _____ 12) Mediterranean climate | l. how much rain, snow, or sleet falls from the sky |
| _____ 13) climate | m. condition of the air at a given time or place |
| _____ 14) subtropical climate | n. side away from the wind |
| _____ 15) Tropic of Cancer | o. varying climate of a mountainous area |

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Culture in the United States

Directions: Write the answers to these questions using complete sentences.

1) What is culture?

2) How do cultures change?

3) What are two branches of Christianity?

4) What are two most widely spoken languages in the United States?

5) What is a rural area?

6) Where do most citizens of the United States live?

7) What is a megalopolis?

8) How did changes in transportation affect the development of cities in the United States?

9) Why is Chicago a railroad center?

10) What two population trends affect the United States today?

Environmental Facts

Directions: Read each sentence. Write *T* if the statement is *true* or *F* if it is *false*.

- _____ 1) The second largest country in the world is the United States.
- _____ 2) Rich natural resources are one reason U.S. citizens live better than people in many other countries.
- _____ 3) Forests are a renewable resource.
- _____ 4) Oceans provide pulp to make paper.
- _____ 5) The U.S. owns all of the known coal deposits on Earth.
- _____ 6) Most coal mining in the U.S. takes place in the Rocky Mountains.
- _____ 7) Oil and natural gas are found along the Texas and Louisiana coasts of the Gulf of Mexico.
- _____ 8) Many important minerals have been discovered on the midwestern plains.
- _____ 9) Using natural resources in the U.S. was more expensive than using imports.
- _____ 10) Steel is made from iron ore and coal.
- _____ 11) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the home of the automobile industry.
- _____ 12) Most workers in the United States are involved in manufacturing.
- _____ 13) A clothing store is an example of a service industry.
- _____ 14) Air pollution is a common problem in rural areas.
- _____ 15) Industries can be a source of water pollution.