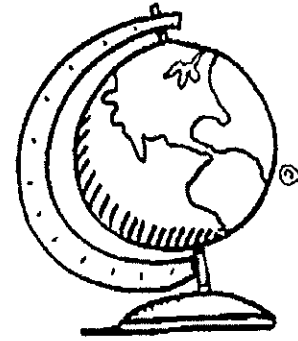


GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES STUDY GUIDE ANSWER KEY



Multiple Choice

1. Cardinal directions

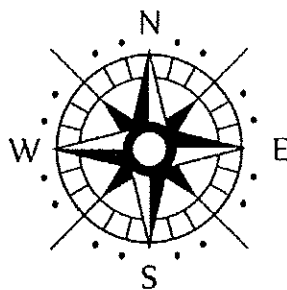
- a. North
- b. East
- c. West
- d. South

2. Intermediate directions (think of the corners of the room or in between)

- a. Northeast
- b. Southeast
- c. Northwest
- d. Southwest

3. Latitude and Longitude

- The **Equator** is 0 degrees latitude
- The **Prime Meridian** is 0 degrees longitude
- Latitude runs horizontally across the Earth (think latitude fatitude)
- Longitude runs vertically across the Earth
- How to find location based on latitude and longitude
- How to name the latitude and longitude of a location
 - Parallels of Latitude measure how far north and south a location is from the Equator so latitude measurements are ____ degrees north or south latitude depending on if the location is north of the Equator or south of the Equator
 - Meridians of Longitude measures how far east and west a location is from the Prime Meridian so longitude measurements are ____ degrees east or west longitude depending on if the location is east or west of the Prime Meridian.

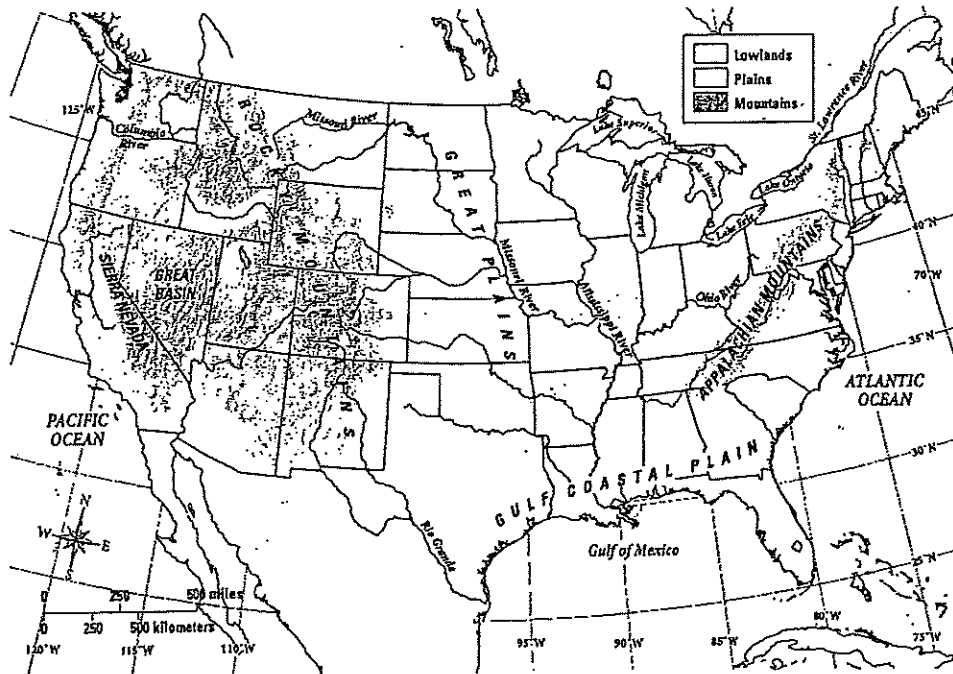


4. How did rivers and lakes help the United States to become a wealthy country?

P 10 in social studies book

They provided routes for ships and power for industry

Use the map below to help you answer questions 5-9



5. Two rivers that form the United States borders are:

St. Lawrence River and the Rio Grande

6. A tributary flowing into the Mississippi from the east is the **Ohio River**.

7. A physical feature at 25°N, 90°W is the **Gulf of Mexico**

8. A land feature of the United States southeast of the Appalachian Mountains is the:

Gulf Coastal Plain

9. The western tip of Lake Ontario is located at about **43 degrees north latitude** and **80 degrees west longitude**.

10. Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Earth's surface is covered by: **Water**

11. Where does a delta form? **At the mouth of a river**

12. What country is larger in land than the United States? **Canada**

Reading Further

13. You have read about Luzena Stanley Wilson and her family. Using her story and the U.S. map above, name two major landforms the Wilsons had to cross on their trip from Missouri to the California gold rush.

_____ and _____ (Great Plains, Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada, or Great Basin (desert))

14. How did rivers bring both danger and safety to the Wilsons on their journey?

Danger: _____ (Wagons sometimes got stuck)

Safety: _____ (Rivers provided water for drinking)

Show what you know

Create a landscape that you would like to visit. Draw and label its physical features. Use the geographic terms you have learned. Use at least eight of the following terms: bay, gulf, mountain range, sea, cape, island, peninsula, valley, delta, lake, plain