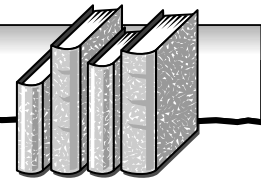


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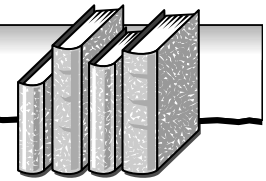


4-1 The Land

DIRECTIONS: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the land in the United States. Use your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. Land—48 _____ states, Alaska, and _____
- II. Physical regions—from east to west
 - A. The _____ Plains: lowland—Gulf of Mexico, _____ Ocean
 - 1. Atlantic Coastal Plain—Massachusetts to _____; ports, cities
 - 2. _____ Coastal Plain—Gulf of Mexico; _____ River
 - B. The _____ Mountains—oldest mountain range on continent
 - C. The _____
 - 1. East—_____ forests, valleys, flatlands, hills
 - 2. East—largest group freshwater lakes—_____
 - 3. West—_____ grain fields, grassy pastures
 - D. The _____ Mountains—with Continental _____
 - 1. Largest mountain range in _____
 - 2. West—_____ and basins; southwest—_____ Valley
 - E. The _____ region—includes glacial Alaska and volcanic Hawaii
 - 1. Mountains—_____, Coast ranges; earthquakes
 - 2. _____ and fertile valleys along Pacific coast
- III. Climate—varied
 - A. Mid-latitude-humid _____ and subtropical, marine west coast
 - B. Dry—in Pacific region and west part of _____
 - C. High latitude in west mountains; subarctic and _____ in Alaska
 - D. Tropical in _____ and southern tip of _____

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4-2 The Economy

DIRECTIONS: Completion Reading the section and completing the questions below will help you learn more about the economy of the United States. Use your textbook to write answers to the questions.

1. What are three factors that help make the United States one of the most developed countries and what economic system does the United States have?

2. Briefly describe manufacturing, mining, trade, service industries, agriculture, and fishing in the Northeast economic region.

3. What is the main source of income in the South economic region?

4. What are some crops grown in the South?

5. What crops help make the Midwest economic region the American farm belt?

6. Describe agriculture, mining, and tourism in the Interior West.

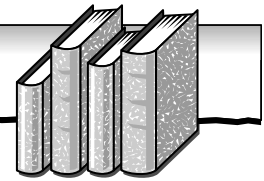
7. What crops are grown in the Pacific region states of California and Hawaii?

8. What economic activities, other than agriculture, are important in the Pacific region?

9. What are two reasons the United States must use resources carefully?

10. Why are service industries important to the economy of the United States?

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4-3 The People

DIRECTIONS: Summarizing Reading the section and completing the summary below will help you learn more about the people of the United States. Use your textbook to fill in the blanks.

The first Americans were **(1)** _____ who traveled from northern

(2) _____ 12,500 or more years ago.

They developed **(3)** _____ influenced by where they settled. In the 1600s and 1700s,

(4) _____ came seeking riches and freedom. They set up **(5)** _____, taking land from Native Americans. By the late 1700s, British colonists began to see themselves

as **(6)** _____. They fought a

(7) _____ to throw off British rule. In 1787 they wrote a plan of government that

became the **(8)** _____ of the United States.

Over the next 200 years, industry grew, and workers moved from farms to

(9) _____. Wars, treaties, and purchases added western land. During the 1900s the United States became a leader in

(10) _____. During the world wars, its vast

(11) _____ aided allies around the world.

With people of many backgrounds, the United States is a **(12)** _____ country. The main language is

(13) _____, but others are spoken.

(14) _____—Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism—has always influenced life.

Americans move from city to city today to get better **(15)** _____, homes, or educations. The **(16)** _____, parts of the Midwest, and the Pacific coast have the most people, but the

(17) _____ and the South are fastest-growing. The United States has a high

(18) _____ of living and 76-year life expectancy.

The earliest Americans used materials from their **(19)** _____ to create art. American literature today has stories,

(20) _____, and myths from many ethnic groups. Americans are great sports players and **(21)** _____.