

US GEOGRAPHY



1. Name the 7 continents	North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Antarctica
2. Name the eight regions of North America	Coastal Plain, Appalachian Mountains, Canadian Shield, Interior Lowlands, Great Plains, Rocky Mountains, Basin and Range, Coastal Range
3. Describe the physical characteristics of the Coastal Plain.	Broad lowland providing many excellent harbors
4. Where is the Coastal Plain located?	Located along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico
5. Describe the physical characteristics of the Appalachian Mountains.	Old, eroded mountains (oldest mountain range in North America)
6. Where is the Appalachian Mountain region located?	Located west of Coastal Plain extending from eastern Canada to western Alabama
7. Describe the physical characteristics of the Canadian Shield region.	Hills worn by erosion and hundreds of lakes carved by glaciers Holds some of the oldest rock formations in North America
8. Where is the Canadian Shield region located?	Wrapped around Hudson Bay in a horseshoe shape
9. Describe the physical characteristics of the Interior Lowlands.	Rolling flatlands with many rivers, broad river valleys, and grassy hills
10. Where is the Interior Lowlands region located?	Located west of the Appalachian Mountains and east of the Great Plains

11. Describe the physical characteristics of the Great Plains.	Flat land that gradually increases in elevation westward; grasslands
12. Where is the Great Plains region located?	Located west of Interior Lowlands and east of the Rocky Mountains
13. Describe the physical characteristics of the Rocky Mountain region.	Rugged mountains stretching from Alaska to Mexico; high elevations Contains the Continental Divide, which determines the directional flow of rivers
14. Where is the Rocky Mountain region located?	Located west of the Great Plains and east of the Basin and Range
15. Describe the physical characteristics of the Basin and Range region.	Area of varying elevations containing isolated mountain ranges and Death Valley, the lowest point in North America
16. Where is the Basin and Range region located?	West of the Rocky Mountains and east of the Sierra Nevadas and the Cascades
17. What is the lowest point in North America?	Death Valley
18. Describe the physical characteristics of the Coastal Range region.	Rugged mountains that contain fertile valleys
19. Where is the Coastal Range region located?	It is along the Pacific Coast and stretches from California to Canada
20. Name the two oceans that border the United States.	The Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans
21. Name the six main rivers of the United States.	Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Columbia, Colorado, Rio Grande
22. What are the lakes called that provided inland ports in the Midwest?	Great Lakes
23. What is the name of the Gulf located in the southern United States?	Gulf of Mexico

24. Why were these major bodies of water important to the United States?	They provided trade, transportation and settlement areas for the people.
25. Who did the Atlantic Ocean serve as a highway for?	Explorers, early settlers and later immigrants
26. What river is called the gateway to the west?	The Ohio River
27. Along what waterway did inland port cities grow in the Midwest?	Great Lakes
28. What two rivers were considered the transportation arteries for farm and industrial products?	Mississippi and Missouri Rivers
29. What two US rivers were links to ports and other parts of the world?	Mississippi and Missouri Rivers
30. Who explored the Columbia River?	Lewis and Clark
31. Who explored the Colorado River?	The Spanish
32. What river forms the border between the U.S. and Mexico?	Rio Grande
33. What body of water provided the French and the Spanish with exploration routes of Mexico and other parts of America?	Gulf of Mexico
34. What was the Pacific Ocean used for?	An early exploration route