

Name  
the seven  
continents.

North America  
South America  
Europe  
Asia  
Africa  
Antarctica  
Australia



Name  
the eight regions  
of North America.

Coastal Plain  
Appalachian Mountains  
Canadian Shield  
Interior Lowlands  
Great Plains  
Rocky Mountains  
Basin and Range  
Coastal Range



Broad lowlands  
providing many  
excellent harbors

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Coastal Plain.



Located along the  
Atlantic Ocean  
and the  
Gulf of Mexico

Location of the  
Coastal Plain



Old, eroded  
mountains  
- oldest  
mountain range  
in North America

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Appalachian Mountains



Hills worn by erosion  
and 100s of lakes  
carved by glaciers  
- holds some of the  
oldest rock formations  
in North America

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Canadian Shield



Rolling flatlands  
with many rivers,  
broad river valleys,  
and grassy hills

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Interior Lowlands



Flat lowland that  
gradually increases  
in elevation  
westward;  
grasslands

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Great Plains



Rugged mountains  
stretching from Alaska  
to Mexico;  
high elevations; contains  
the Continental Divide

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Rocky Mountains



Determines the  
directional flow  
of  
rivers

Continental Divide



Area of  
varying elevations  
containing isolated  
mountain ranges  
and Death Valley

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Basin and Range



The lowest point  
in  
North America

Death Valley



Rugged mountains  
that contain  
fertile valleys

Physical characteristics  
of the  
Coastal Range



Located west of  
the Coastal Plain  
extending from  
eastern Canada to  
western Alabama

Location of the  
Appalachian Mountains



Wrapped around  
the Hudson Bay  
in a  
horseshoe shape

Location of the  
Canadian Shield



Located west of  
the Appalachian  
Mountains  
and east of the  
Great Plains

Location of the  
Interior Lowlands



Located west of the  
Interior Lowlands  
and east of the  
Rocky Mountains

Location of the  
Great Plains



Located west of the  
Great Plains  
and east of the  
Basin and Range

Location of the  
Rocky Mountains



Located west of the Rocky Mountains and east of the Sierra Nevadas and the Cascades

Location of the Basin and Range



Located along the Pacific Coast and stretches from California to Canada.

Location of the Coastal Range



Name the two oceans that border the United States.

Atlantic Ocean  
Pacific Ocean



Name the six main rivers of the United States.

Mississippi River  
Missouri River  
Ohio River  
Columbia River  
Colorado River  
Rio Grande River



What are the lakes called that provide inland ports in the Midwest?

Great Lakes



What is the name of the Gulf located in the southern United States?

Gulf of Mexico



Why are the major bodies of water important to the United States?

They provide trade, transportation and settlement areas for the people.



Who did the Atlantic Ocean serve as a highway for?

Explorers early settlers and later immigrants



What river is called the Gateway to the West?

Ohio River



Along what waterway did inland port cities grow in the Midwest?

Great Lakes



What two rivers were considered transportation arteries for farm and industrial products?

Mississippi River  
Missouri River



What two US rivers were links to ports and other parts of the world?

Mississippi River  
Missouri River



Who explored  
the  
Columbia River?

Lewis and Clark



Who explored  
the  
Colorado River?

the Spanish



What river  
forms the border  
between the  
U.S. and Mexico?

the Rio Grande



What body of water  
provided the  
French and Spanish  
with exploration routes  
of Mexico and  
other parts of America?

Gulf of Mexico



What was the  
Pacific Ocean  
used for?

An early  
exploration route

