

## Mississippi River Drainage Basin

**A.** Use the maps on textbook page 148 and in the atlas to locate the following bodies of water, landforms, and settlement. Then label them on the outline map on the back of this page.

<b>Bodies of Water</b>		<b>Landforms</b>	<b>Settlement</b>
Gulf of Mexico	Ohio River	Appalachian	New Orleans
Lake Ontario	Mississippi River	Mountains	
Lake Erie	Missouri River	Rocky	
Lake Huron	Platte River	Mountains	
Lake Michigan	Arkansas River		
Lake Superior			

**B.** After labeling your map, use it to answer the following questions.

- Which two natural features form the boundaries of the Mississippi River drainage basin on the east and the west?

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- Into what body of water does the Mississippi River system empty?

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- Which river is the longest tributary of the Mississippi River?

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- What tributary joins the Mississippi River south of the Missouri River?

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- What is the approximate absolute location (latitude and longitude) of New Orleans?

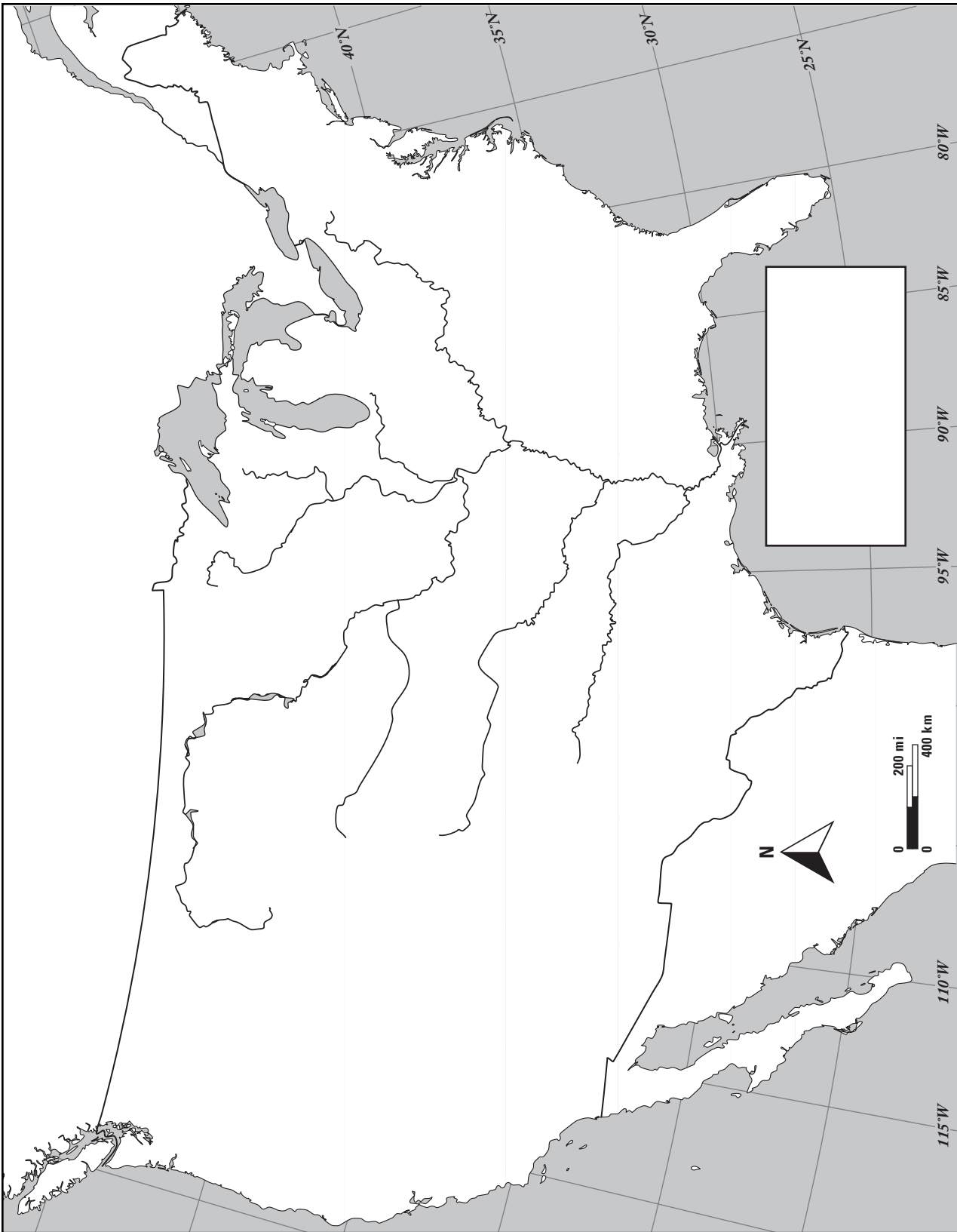
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- Why do you think the location of New Orleans made it an important trade center?

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- Which part of the drainage basin is larger, the part east of the Mississippi River or west of the river?

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