

U.S. Geography Lesson Answer Key

Geography of the United States

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The United States is the third largest country in the world.

It is in North America between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The geography of the United States has a lot of variety.

There are mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, and islands.

There are 50 states and 5 major territories in the United States.

Each state and territory has its own capital.

The capital of my state is **answers vary**.

The capital of the United States is **Washington, D.C.**

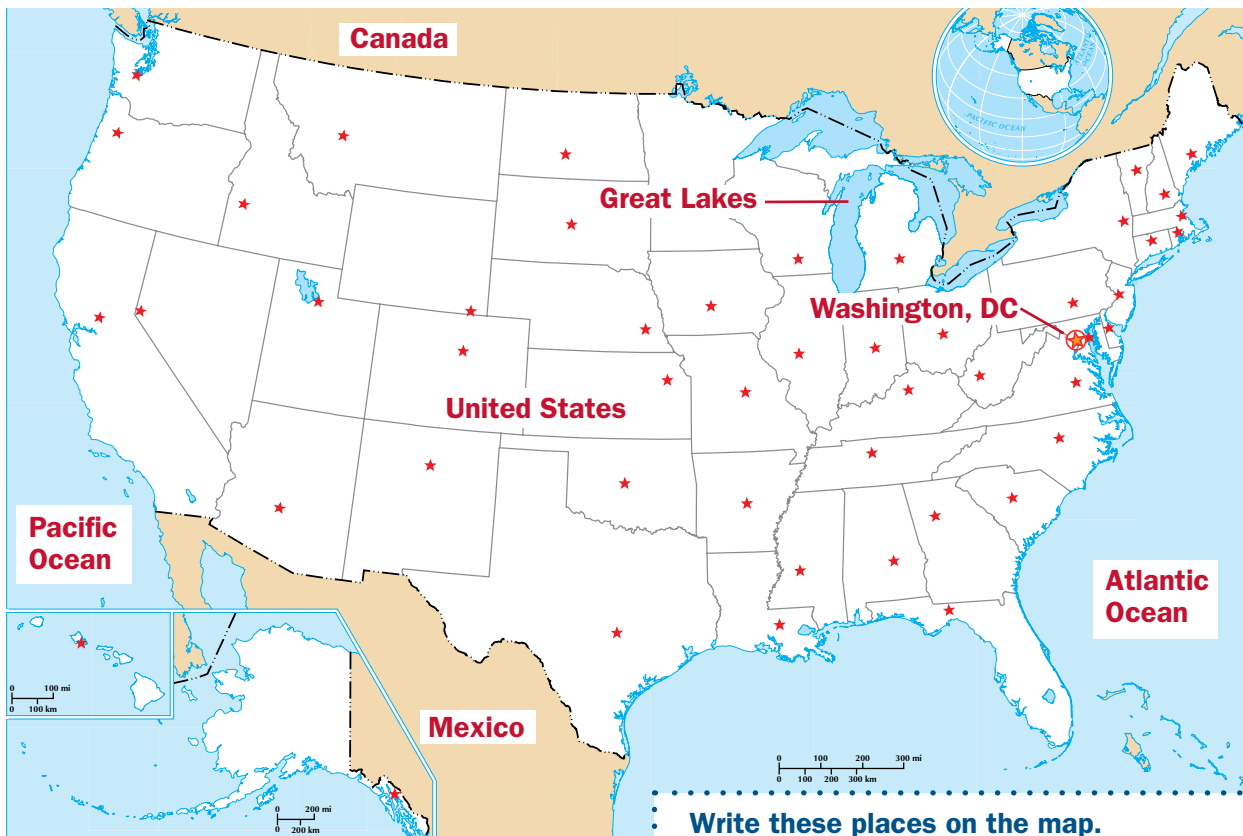
Look at the map on page 2.

Label Washington, D.C.

Label your state and your state capital.

Map of the United States

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★ Represents a capital city

Courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Write these places on the map.

Atlantic Ocean	United States	Canada
Pacific Ocean	Mexico	Great Lakes

Lakes, Rivers, and Oceans

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Water is very important for transportation, power, food, and tourism.

Many large U.S. cities are near water.

For example, Chicago and Detroit are near the Great Lakes.

The five Great Lakes are in the northern part of the United States.

The Atlantic Ocean is on the East Coast of the United States.

Puerto Rico is in the Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the U.S. territories.

The Pacific Ocean is on the West Coast of the United States.

The state of Hawaii is in the Pacific Ocean.

The Mississippi River and the Missouri River are the two longest rivers in the United States.

These rivers flow through the middle of the country.

What lake, river, or ocean is near you? **answers vary**.

Borders

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Word Bank

New York	Texas	Montana	California
Minnesota	Canada	Mexico	

Borders separate the United States from other countries in North America.

Mexico borders the United States to the south.

There are four U.S. states that border Mexico.

Two states that border Mexico are **Texas** and **California**.

Name other states that border Mexico.

Canada borders the United States to the north.

There are thirteen U.S. states that border Canada.

Three states that border Canada are **New York**, **Minnesota**, and **Montana**.

Name other states that border Canada.

Look at your U.S. map on page 2.

Find all of the border states on that map.

Write the names of all of the border states on the map.

Map of the United States

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Categories—U.S. Geography

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Word Bank

Montana	Mexico	Arizona	New Mexico	Canada
Texas	Atlantic	New York	Idaho	Alaska
Mississippi River	Vermont	New Hampshire	Maine	Minnesota
Ohio	United States	Pacific	California	Missouri River
Washington	Michigan	North Dakota	Pennsylvania	

Look at the words in the word bank. Copy the words in the categories.

Countries

Mexico

United States

Canada

Oceans

Atlantic

Pacific

Rivers

Mississippi River

Missouri River

States that border Mexico

Texas

Arizona

New Mexico

California

States that border Canada

Montana

Idaho

Ohio

Maine

Washington

Pennsylvania

Vermont

Alaska

Michigan

Minnesota

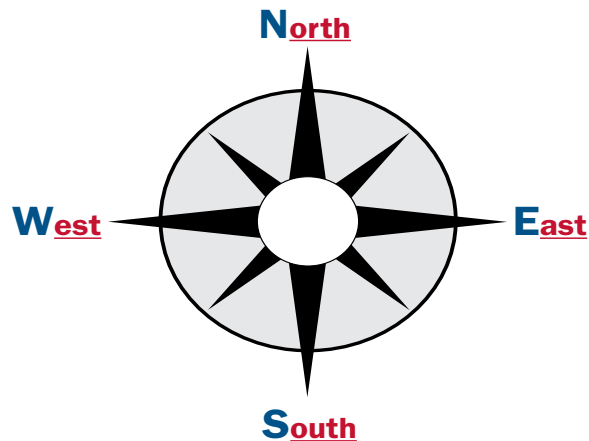
New York

New Hampshire

North Dakota

Map Directions

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Copy these words.

North

South

East

West

North

South

East

West