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United States

## *Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics*

REGIONS

1. Use the Land Cover Map on pages 38–39 to answer the following questions.



## **LOCATION**

2. Use the Land Cover Map to answer the following questions about bodies of water in the United States.

  - a. What river forms the southern border of Indiana? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Which Great Lake is completely within the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What river flows from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What is the large lake in northern Utah? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What river flows west from the Rocky Mountains to Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Use the Land Cover Map to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.

  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois is in the Central Lowland.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ The Gulf Coastal Plain is north of the Appalachian Mountains.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ The Mojave Desert is in California.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Nebraska is one of the Great Plains states.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ The Rocky Mountains cross through Oklahoma.

PLACE

4. According to the legend for the Political Map on pages 40–41, stars represent state capitals.

a. Use the Political Map to complete the table below.

| <b>State</b> | <b>Capital</b> |
|--------------|----------------|
| New York     |                |
| Missouri     |                |
| California   |                |
| Minnesota    |                |
| Alabama      |                |

- b. What is the capital of your state?

## **USING GEOGRAPHY**

5. Use the Political Map to complete the following sentences. Underline the phrase that correctly completes each sentence.



6. Use the Political Map to match the lines of latitude and longitude with the states in which they intersect. Draw a line from each state to its coordinates.

| <u>State</u>      | <u>Coordinates</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| a. Wisconsin •    | • 35°N, 105°W      |
| b. Alaska •       | • 40°N, 80°W       |
| c. New Mexico •   | • 45°N, 90°W       |
| d. Louisiana •    | • 30°N, 90°W       |
| e. Pennsylvania • | • 45°N, 120°W      |
| f. Oregon •       | • 65°N, 155°W      |