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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. Circle the correct answer.

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|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| a. What is the land cover for northern Alaska?    | grassland              | broadleaf forest  | tundra               |
| b. What is the land cover for Iowa?               | grassland              | cropland          | broadleaf forest     |
| c. What is the land cover for most of Nevada?     | semi-desert and desert | cropland          | tropical rain forest |
| d. What is the land cover for western Washington? | grassland              | needleleaf forest | tropical rain forest |
| e. What is the land cover for most of Maine?      | cropland               | tundra            | broadleaf forest     |

### LOCATION

2. Use the Land Cover Map to answer the following questions about bodies of water in the United States.
- What river forms the southern border of Indiana? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Which Great Lake is completely within the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What river flows from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the large lake in northern Utah? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois is in the Central Lowland.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Gulf Coastal Plain is north of the Appalachian Mountains.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Mojave Desert is in California.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Nebraska is one of the Great Plains states.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Rocky Mountains cross through Oklahoma.

