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United States

Lesson 2: Elevation and Rainfall

PLACE

- ▶ 1. Use the Elevation Map on pages 42–43 to rank the following places in order of elevation, with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest.
- _____ Ozark Plateau
 - _____ Colorado Plateau
 - _____ Central Lowland
 - _____ Great Plains
 - _____ Gulf Coastal Plain
- ▶ 2. Use the Elevation Map to determine which place in each pair has the higher elevation. Circle the place with the higher elevation.
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| a. Adirondack Mountains | Bighorn Mountains |
| b. Cumberland Plateau | Edwards Plateau |
| c. Flint Hills | Sand Hills |
| d. Florida Peninsula | Lower Peninsula |
| e. Sacramento Valley | Imperial Valley |
| f. Guadalupe Peak | Pikes Peak |
| g. Eastern United States | Western United States |

RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN PLACES

3. Use the Rainfall map on page 44 to match the following places with their annual rainfall.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Annual Rainfall</u>
a. southeastern United States •	• 0 to 10 inches
b. northern Alaska •	• 10 to 20 inches
c. northwestern Pacific Coast •	• over 80 inches
d. western Dakotas •	• 40 to 80 inches

4. Use the Alaska's Size and Shape map and the photo on page 44 to answer the following.

- What is Alaska's area in square miles? _____
- About how many times larger are the 48 States than Alaska? _____
- How many inches of snow are counted as one inch of rain? _____

REGIONS

5. Use the Growing Season map on page 45 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer. Use the Political Map on pages 40–41 to help identify states, if necessary.
- a. What is the growing season in Texas along the Gulf of Mexico?
under 4 months 6 to 8 months over 10 months
 - b. What is the growing season in Nebraska?
under 4 months 4 to 6 months 6 to 8 months
 - c. What is the growing season in Arkansas?
4 to 6 months 6 to 8 months 8 to 10 months
 - d. What is the growing season for most of Alaska?
under 4 months 4 to 6 months 6 to 8 months
 - e. What is the growing season for southern Alabama?
6 to 8 months 8 to 10 months over 10 months
6. Use Focus on Regions of the United States on page 45 to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
- a. _____ States can only be grouped into one kind of region.
 - b. _____ The map shows seven large regions.
 - c. _____ The Great Lakes States are in the Midwest.
 - d. _____ Hawaii is part of the Southwest.
 - e. _____ Part of the Northeast is also known as the New England States.

USING GEOGRAPHY

7. Use the Irrigated Land map on page 46 to complete the following sentences.
- a. Nebraska has _____ areas of widespread irrigation than Iowa.
 - b. Most of Florida's irrigation takes place in the _____ part of the state.
 - c. There is no widespread _____ in Alaska.
8. Use the Corn and Wheat maps and graphs on page 46 to answer the following yes or no questions. Write Y or N in the space provided.
- a. Does Indiana grow more corn than Oklahoma? _____
 - b. Does Oklahoma grow more wheat than Indiana? _____
 - c. Does Nevada grow either corn or wheat? _____
 - d. Does the United States export a higher percentage of wheat than corn? _____