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United States Physical and Political Characteristics

Regions

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

- 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.

- 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 Relief Map on pages 40–41, stars represent state capitals.

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

State	Capital
New York	
Missouri	
California	
Minnesota	
Alabama	

- b. What is the capital of your state? _____

Using Geography

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

- a. Wyoming is bordered by
six states. eight states.
- b. Alaska is the United State's most
southern state. northern state.
- c. More states border
Canada than Mexico. Mexico than Canada.
- d. In land area, most of the eastern states are
larger than the western states. smaller than the western states.
- e. The Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean
border Texas. border Florida.

6. Use the Political Relief 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