

A Growing Population Spreads West

🐾 Links Far and Near

1. Turn to pages 34–35 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at map A, “Westward Across the Appalachians.” Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

_____ built the Wilderness Road in 1775. Wagons were then able to cross the _____ Mountains. The Wilderness Road connected Richmond to _____ through the _____ Gap in the mountains. After the Revolution, more people settled _____ of the Appalachians.

🐾 People and Their Environments

2. Look again at map A and picture E. Match the road or trail west with the river that it ends on.

Road or Trail

- a. Zane’s Trace •
- b. Wilderness Road •
- c. Forbes Road •
- d. Natchez Trace •

River

- Kentucky River
- Ohio River
- Mississippi River

🐾 Location

3. Look at map D, “Northwest Territory.” Use the information to describe where the Northwest Territory is.

- a. North of this river _____
- b. East of this river _____
- c. West of this state _____
- d. South of these Great Lakes _____

Gathering the Facts

4. Look again at map D. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
- The Northwest Territory was divided into _____.
 - Each township was _____ miles on each side.
 - Each township was divided into _____ sections.
 - Each side of a section was _____ mile long.
 - Section 16 was reserved to support _____.

Time and Change

5. Look at map B, “Population Density and Major Cities 1790,” and graph C, “Population Boom.” Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
- _____ In 1790 the area of densest population was in the west.
 - _____ From 1790 to 1800, the population of Kentucky almost tripled.
 - _____ Most of Kentucky and Tennessee had less than 2 people per square mile in 1790.
 - _____ Kentucky became a state in 1792.

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

6. Compare map B with map F, “Population Density and Major Cities 1820.” Write **1790** if the statement best describes the United States in 1790 and **1820** if the statement best describes the country 30 years later.
- Roughly 95 percent of the population lived east of the Appalachians. _____
 - Americans had settled along the Ohio River and other rivers in the west. _____
 - New Orleans was part of the United States. _____
 - There were 23 states in the United States. _____
 - The country’s center of population was east of Baltimore. _____