

Visual Summary

Use the visual summary below to help you review the main ideas of the chapter.

QUICK FACTS

The physical geography of the United States includes mountains, rivers, and plains.

After gaining independence from the British, Americans created the first modern democracy.

The United States has four geographic and economic regions—the Northeast, South, Midwest, and the West.

Reviewing Vocabulary, Terms, and Places

Match the terms or places with their definitions or descriptions.

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| a. Boston | g. pioneers |
| b. Great Lakes | h. bilingual |
| c. tributary | i. megalopolis |
| d. Rocky Mountains | j. Washington, D.C. |
| e. colony | k. Chicago |
| f. Appalachian Mountains | l. terrorism |

- a string of cities that have grown together
- major seaport in the British colonies
- stream or river that flows into a larger stream or river
- violent attacks that cause fear
- first settlers
- largest freshwater lake system in the world
- major mountain range in the West
- capital of the United States
- third-largest city in the United States
- major mountain range in the East
- having the ability to speak two languages
- territory controlled by people from a foreign land

Comprehension and Critical Thinking

SECTION 1 (Pages 248–252)

13. a. **Identify** What river drains the entire Interior Plains and is the longest river in North America?

SECTION 1 (continued)

- b. Contrast** How is the physical geography of the Appalachians different from that of the Rocky Mountains? Why is this true?
- c. Elaborate** What natural resources affect your daily life?

SECTION 2 (Pages 256–262)

- 14. a. Define** Who were the pioneers?
- b. Draw Conclusions** Why do you think people immigrate to the United States?
- c. Elaborate** How do you think American culture has been able to influence people and culture around the world?

SECTION 3 (Pages 264–270)

- 15. a. Recall** What are the four regions of the United States?
- b. Compare** Is corn grown mostly in the Midwest or the South?
- c. Elaborate** How should the United States protect itself from terrorism?

Using the Internet

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- 16. Activity: Making a Brochure** The United States is a country with a diverse population. This diversity is seen in many of the holidays Americans celebrate. Enter the activity keyword and research some of the holidays celebrated in the United States. Take notes on what you find. Then use your notes to create an illustrated brochure that discusses at least three holidays. Be sure to include information on the history, background, and traditions of each holiday.

Social Studies Skills

Reading a Political Map Look at the political map of the United States at the beginning of this chapter. Then answer the following questions.

- 17.** What four states border Mexico?
- 18.** What river forms the boundary between Illinois and Missouri?

FOCUS ON READING AND VIEWING

- 19. Categorizing** For each category below, list details from the chapter.

Geography	People	Regions

- 20. Creating a Collage** Using the ideas you developed for your collage on the United States, collect the pictures and objects you need. Make sure any objects you want to use can be attached to a poster board. Next, decide how to organize the pictures and objects. You might, for example, organize them by region or by time period. After you have attached your images and objects to the poster board, create a label to identify each grouping. Finally, write a title for the entire collage. When the class collages are displayed, be prepared to evaluate other collages on their organization and originality.

Map Activity



- 21. The United States** On a sheet of paper, match the letters on the map with their correct labels.
- Great Lakes Rocky Mountains
Mississippi River Pacific Ocean
Atlantic Ocean
Alaska



DIRECTIONS: Read questions 1 through 7 and write the letter of the best response. Question 8 will require a brief essay.

- 1** What physical feature does the Mississippi River and its tributaries drain?
A Piedmont
B Rocky Mountains
C Interior Plains
D Great Lakes
- 2** What country did the United States gain independence from?
A Britain
B France
C Canada
D Mexico
- 3** Many pioneers moved west hoping to find
A silver.
B diamonds.
C coal.
D gold.
- 4** People who are bilingual speak how many languages?
A one
B five
C two
D three
- 5** NAFTA is a trade agreement among the United States, Mexico, and
A Brazil.
B Canada.
C Britain.
D Australia.

Regions of the United States



- 6** Based on the map above, which region is the Midwest?
A X
B W
C Z
D Y
- 7** Which region is known for its dense population?
A Z
B W
C Y
D X
- 8** **Extended Response** Look at the map of U.S. regions and the chart of major U.S. cities in Section 3. Write a short essay describing the population, resources, and economies of each region of the United States.