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**Map Activity**

Directions: Use the corresponding maps to answer the questions below..

[Region Map](http://thomaslegion.net/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderpictures/map_of_usa_regions_by_us_census_bureau.jpg) –

1. List the states that are generally located in the Midwest according to this map.
2. What region is Maryland in?
3. Delaware?
4. Arkansas?
5. New Jersey?
6. Missouri?
7. Nebraska?
8. Kentucky?

[Physical Map](http://mypages.valdosta.edu/gtlepage/US_Physical_Adv.jpg)

1. Imagine you just heard about the Gold Rush and you are leaving North Carolina and going to California to find gold, name at least 2 mountain ranges you would have to cross.

1. What **major/important river** would you use to get from Illinois to Louisiana?
2. What river forms the border between Texas and Mexico?
3. This mountain range runs from the Northeast to the South/Southeast, what is it called?
4. The Midwest is located south of which bodies of water?

[Climate map](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/57/Climatemapusa2.PNG)

1. Using your prior knowledge and the map, compare the climate of North Carolina to the climate of Pennsylvania.
2. How are they similar?

b. How are they different?

1. What is a “steppe” climate (google it, put in your own words):
2. Using both the Region map and Climate map and identify what region of the U.S. is desert. Add North or South to the region to be more specific.
3. Using both the Physical and Climate map and decide if the grey area on the climate map would be warmer or cooler than the areas around it. Explain.
4. Why are California and Florida the “vacation hotspots” in the nation?

[Political map](http://www.flatrock.org.nz/topics/history/assets/us_growth.jpg)

1. Based on the map, what was the general direction of the addition of states over time? (Ex. North to South, East to West)
2. How does a territory become a state (google it, summarize here)?
3. Hypothesize why the state boundaries are so squiggly (yes, I said squiggly) in the East, and straight in the West.