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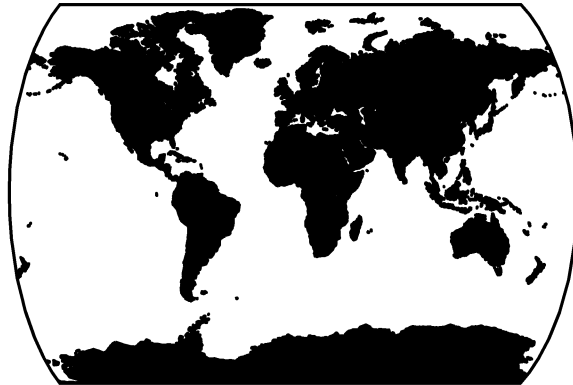
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# **GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY:**

## **MAPS FOR MEMORIZATION**

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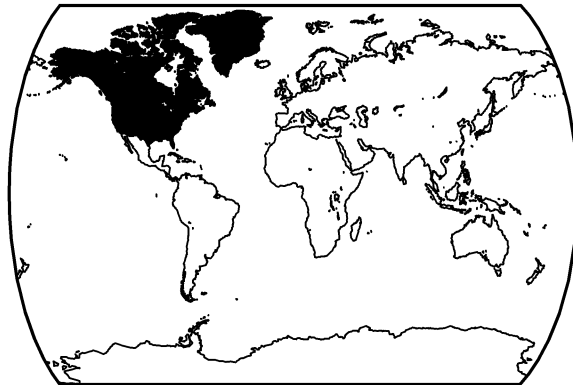
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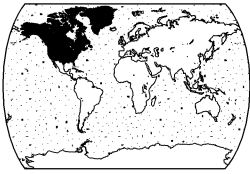
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**CANADA,**  
*the* **UNITED STATES,**  
*and* **GREENLAND**





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## CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND GREENLAND

## Overview

**C**ANADA AND THE UNITED STATES are both located on the North American continent, in the Western Hemisphere. As well as sharing the same landmass, the two countries share many of the same landforms. They have great sweeps of craggy mountains in the west. They have rolling plains in the center. They have rounded mountains in the east.

The two countries also share some cultural features. Both are **federal states**. That means they are made up of a number of states or territories. These areas share power with the central government. Both are **plural societies**, which means they include different ethnic groups. Both countries, compared to the rest of the world, are wealthy, **industrialized** countries. And both were originally colonized by Europeans. They retain many features of European culture.

It has been more than 500 years since Europeans first came to the region. In that time, the face of the land has changed dramatically. Once, about half of the land—some 900 million acres—was covered by forest. Today, forests cover about one fifth of the land. Over time, both countries expanded from their bases on the east coast toward the west. Both created networks for transportation and communication that stretch some 2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers). These networks are a monument to human invention and grit. The barriers they cross in their east–west path, like the great Rocky Mountain Range, run from north to south.

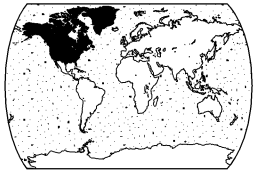
Another change to the landscape has been the growth of cities. Both the United States and Canada began as mostly rural economies. With the growth of industry came the growth of cities. Cities are still growing. As more people move to them from both rural areas and from

other countries, the outer edges of the cities keep expanding. In some places, the rural area between cities has shrunk so much that the cities almost merge with each other. They form an urban cluster. A cluster of cities like this is called a **megalopolis**—a “very large city.” In the United States, the largest megalopolis is the 600-mile-long (975-km-long) string of cities on the east coast. It runs from southern Maine to southern Virginia. Major cities within this megalopolis include Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Baltimore, Maryland; and Washington, D.C. Another megalopolis can be seen on the west coast: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, California. Two others are developing around the Great Lakes, in both Canada and the United States. In Canada, this megalopolis may someday connect the cities of Quebec City, Quebec; Montreal, Quebec; Toronto, Ontario; and Windsor, Ontario. On the United States side of the Lakes, the merging cities include Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The huge island of Greenland is physically part of the same region as Canada and the United States. But it has a very different culture. Greenland is a self-governing territory of Denmark. Most of the island is covered by an ice sheet almost two miles (three kilometers) thick. Because of the extreme cold, most people live on the southwest coast, where the climate is mildest.

**Think About It**

Compared to the rest of the United States, Hawaii has a very different location, climate, culture, and history. However, it is included in this geographic region. Why do you think it is included here?



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## Word List

### ***Political Features***

#### **COUNTRIES**

Canada  
Greenland (Denmark)  
United States

#### **CAPITALS**

Nuuk (Godthaab)  
Ottawa  
Washington, D.C.

#### **UNITED STATES**

Alabama (AL)  
Alaska (AK)  
Arizona (AZ)  
Arkansas (AR)  
California (CA)  
Colorado (CO)  
Connecticut (CT)  
Delaware (DE)  
Florida (FL)  
Georgia (GA)  
Hawaii (HI)  
Idaho (ID)  
Illinois (IL)  
Indiana (IN)  
Iowa (IA)  
Kansas (KS)  
Kentucky (KY)  
Louisiana (LA)  
Maine (ME)

Maryland (MD)  
Massachusetts (MA)  
Michigan (MI)  
Minnesota (MN)  
Mississippi (MS)  
Missouri (MO)  
Montana (MT)  
Nebraska (NE)  
Nevada (NV)  
New Hampshire (NH)  
New Jersey (NJ)  
New Mexico (NM)  
New York (NY)  
North Carolina (NC)  
North Dakota (ND)  
Ohio (OH)  
Oklahoma (OK)  
Oregon (OR)  
Pennsylvania (PA)  
Rhode Island (RI)  
South Carolina (SC)  
South Dakota (SD)  
Tennessee (TN)  
Texas (TX)  
Utah (UT)  
Vermont (VT)  
Virginia (VA)  
Washington (WA)  
West Virginia (WV)

Wisconsin (WI)

Wyoming (WY)

#### **CANADIAN PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES**

Alberta  
British Columbia  
Manitoba  
New Brunswick  
Newfoundland  
Northwest Territories  
Nova Scotia  
Nunavut  
Ontario  
Prince Edward Island  
Quebec  
Saskatchewan  
Yukon Territory

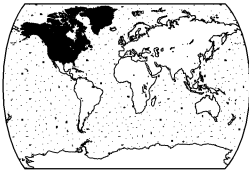
### ***Physical Features***

#### **MOUNTAINS**

Alaska Range  
Appalachian Mts.  
Cascade Mts.  
Coast Ranges  
Mt. Logan  
Mt. McKinley (Denali)  
Rocky Mts.  
Sierra Nevada Mts.

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## Word List *(continued)*

### **DESERTS**

Death Valley Desert  
Great Basin Desert  
Mojave Desert  
Painted Desert

### **RIVERS**

Arkansas River  
Colorado River  
Mackenzie River  
Mississippi River

Missouri River

Ohio River

Río Grande

St. Lawrence River

Yukon River

### **OTHER WATER BODIES**

Atlantic Ocean

Great Bear Lake

Great Salt Lake

Great Slave Lake

Hudson Bay

Lake Athabasca

Lake Erie

Lake Huron

Lake Michigan

Lake Ontario

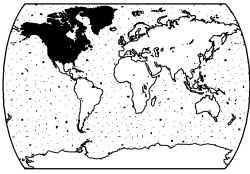
Lake Superior

Lake Winnipeg

Pacific Ocean







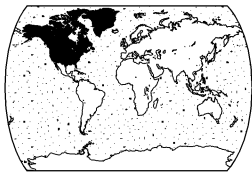
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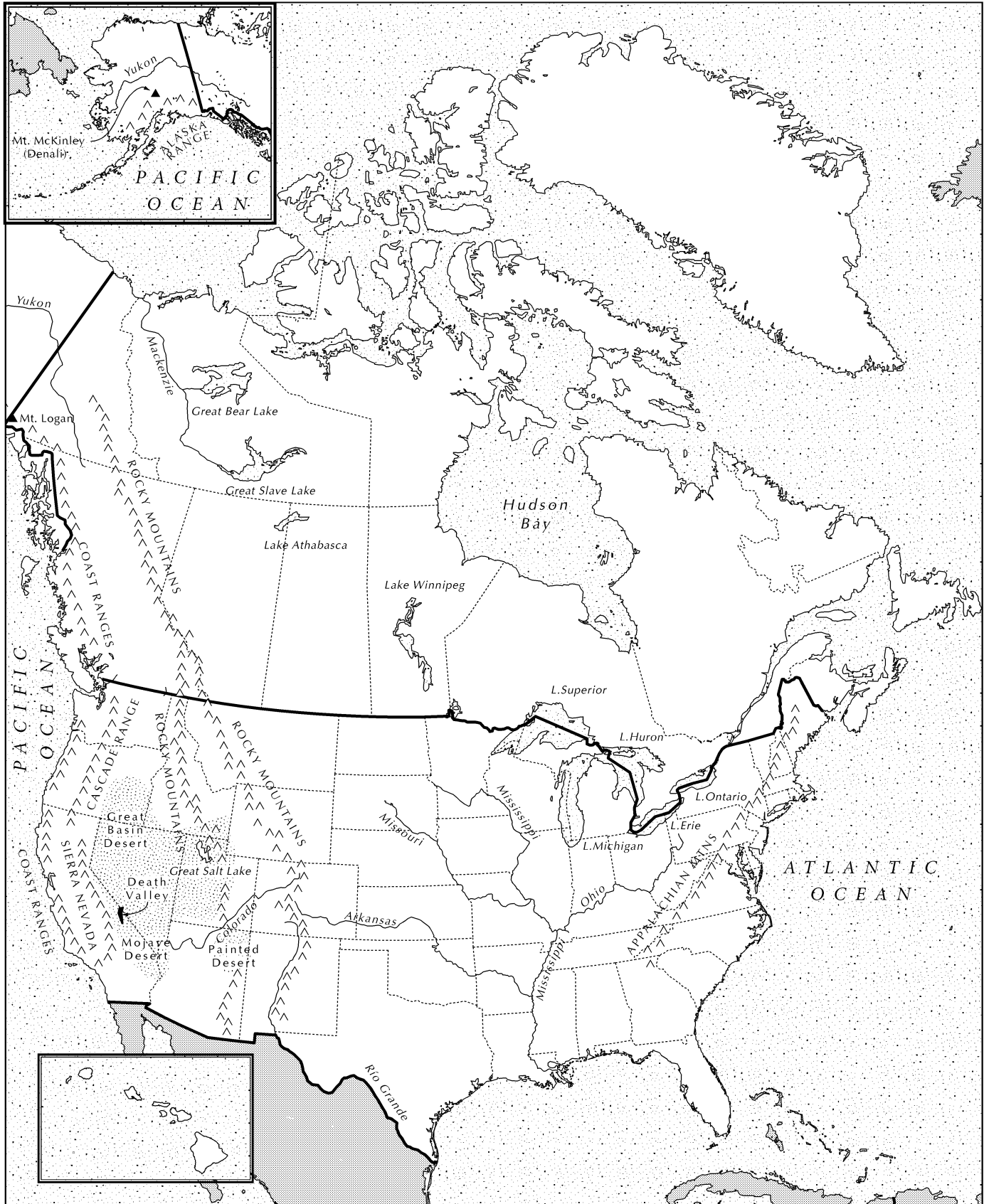


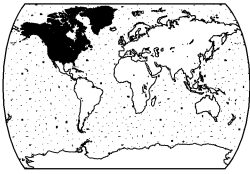


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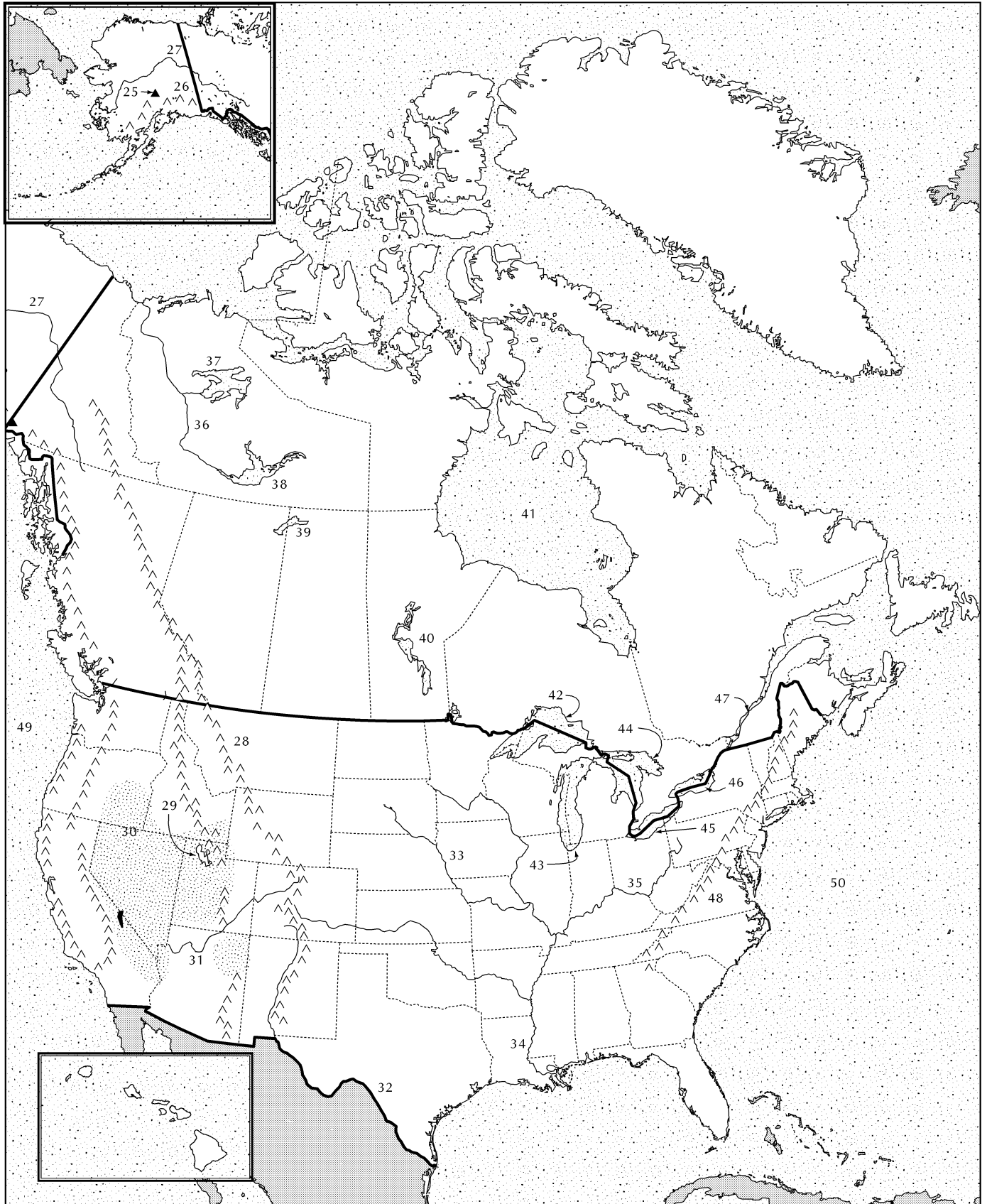


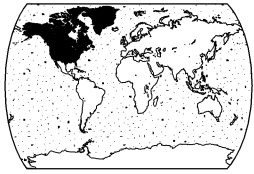
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## Physical Map Test





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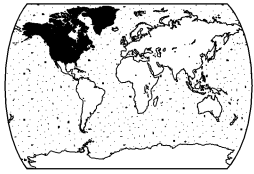
## Map Test

**Directions:** On the political and physical maps of Canada, the United States, and Greenland, 50 places and physical features have been indicated by a number. Choose the correct label for each item from the numbered choices below.

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. (A) Canada<br>(B) United States<br>(C) Greenland<br>(D) United Kingdom            | 9. (A) Alaska<br>(B) Utah<br>(C) Oregon<br>(D) Washington                 | 17. (A) Louisiana<br>(B) Arkansas<br>(C) Alabama<br>(D) Mississippi             |
| 2. (A) Canada<br>(B) United States<br>(C) Greenland<br>(D) United Kingdom            | 10. (A) New Mexico<br>(B) Oregon<br>(C) California<br>(D) Texas           | 18. (A) Georgia<br>(B) Alabama<br>(C) South Carolina<br>(D) Mississippi         |
| 3. (A) Yukon Territory<br>(B) Greenland<br>(C) Northwest Territories<br>(D) Alaska   | 11. (A) Colorado<br>(B) Utah<br>(C) Nebraska<br>(D) Idaho                 | 19. (A) Missouri<br>(B) South Carolina<br>(C) Georgia<br>(D) Iowa               |
| 4. (A) Alberta<br>(B) Yukon Territory<br>(C) New Brunswick<br>(D) Ontario            | 12. (A) Georgia<br>(B) Colorado<br>(C) Oklahoma<br>(D) Kansas             | 20. (A) Louisiana<br>(B) California<br>(C) Texas<br>(D) Florida                 |
| 5. (A) Newfoundland<br>(B) Nunavut<br>(C) New Brunswick<br>(D) Northwest Territories | 13. (A) New Mexico<br>(B) Arizona<br>(C) Utah<br>(D) Colorado             | 21. (A) New York<br>(B) Illinois<br>(C) Maine<br>(D) Ohio                       |
| 6. (A) Manitoba<br>(B) Saskatchewan<br>(C) British Columbia<br>(D) Quebec            | 14. (A) Nebraska<br>(B) South Dakota<br>(C) Minnesota<br>(D) North Dakota | 22. (A) New Hampshire<br>(B) New Jersey<br>(C) Connecticut<br>(D) Massachusetts |
| 7. (A) Quebec<br>(B) Manitoba<br>(C) British Columbia<br>(D) Alberta                 | 15. (A) Arizona<br>(B) California<br>(C) Texas<br>(D) Florida             | 23. (A) Washington, D.C.<br>(B) New York City<br>(C) Ottawa<br>(D) Chicago      |
| 8. (A) Nova Scotia<br>(B) Alberta<br>(C) Newfoundland<br>(D) Saskatchewan            | 16. (A) Montana<br>(B) Minnesota<br>(C) Wisconsin<br>(D) North Dakota     | 24. (A) Ottawa<br>(B) Washington, D.C.<br>(C) Toronto<br>(D) Winnipeg           |

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## Answer Key

### Map Test

- |                         |                                  |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. (B) United States    | 18. (B) Alabama                  | 35. (A) Ohio River         |
| 2. (A) Canada           | 19. (B) South Carolina           | 36. (D) Mackenzie River    |
| 3. (D) Alaska           | 20. (D) Florida                  | 37. (C) Great Bear Lake    |
| 4. (B) Yukon Territory  | 21. (A) New York                 | 38. (A) Great Slave Lake   |
| 5. (B) Nunavut          | 22. (D) Massachusetts            | 39. (B) Lake Athabasca     |
| 6. (C) British Columbia | 23. (A) Washington, D.C.         | 40. (C) Lake Winnipeg      |
| 7. (B) Manitoba         | 24. (A) Ottawa                   | 41. (A) Hudson Bay         |
| 8. (C) Newfoundland     | 25. (D) Mt. McKinley<br>(Denali) | 42. (D) Lake Superior      |
| 9. (D) Washington       | 26. (B) Alaska Range             | 43. (C) Lake Michigan      |
| 10. (C) California      | 27. (A) Yukon River              | 44. (A) Lake Huron         |
| 11. (B) Utah            | 28. (B) Rocky Mountains          | 45. (C) Lake Erie          |
| 12. (B) Colorado        | 29. (B) Great Salt Lake          | 46. (B) Lake Ontario       |
| 13. (A) New Mexico      | 30. (D) Great Basin Desert       | 47. (D) St. Lawrence River |
| 14. (D) North Dakota    | 31. (C) Colorado River           | 48. (A) Appalachian Mtns.  |
| 15. (C) Texas           | 32. (C) Río Grande               | 49. (C) Pacific Ocean      |
| 16. (B) Minnesota       | 33. (D) Missouri River           | 50. (B) Atlantic Ocean     |
| 17. (D) Mississippi     | 34. (C) Mississippi River        |                            |

### Think About It

Although Hawaii is different from the rest of the United States in many ways, it is still part of the U.S. political region. For this reason, it is included with the rest of the United States.