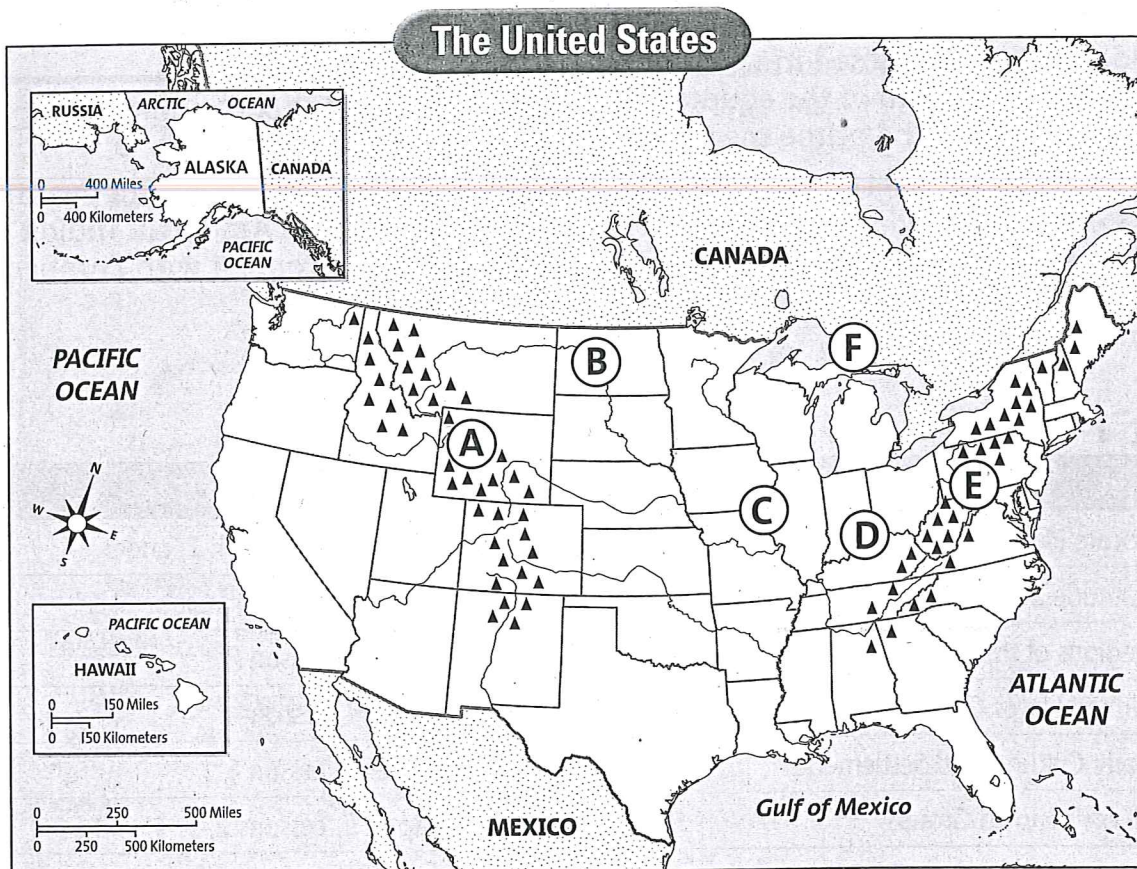


# 1.1 Locate Places on Maps

Geographers use maps to show information about Earth's surface and the way people use it. The map below shows the two main mountain ranges in the United States and the major bodies of water. These are physical features. The map also shows the boundaries of the United States and the 50 states that make up the country. Being able to locate places and features on a map is an important social studies skill.

**DIRECTIONS**

Study the map of the United States. Then use the map and your knowledge of United States geography to complete the activities and answer the questions on page 23.



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1 Find Indiana. Color it green. On the lines below, write the names of the states that share Indiana's western and eastern borders. Color the state west of Indiana orange. Color the state east of Indiana yellow.

Western border: \_\_\_\_\_

Eastern border: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Which letter is on the Mississippi River? Trace the river in blue.

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3 Which letter is on the Missouri River? Trace the river in red.

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4 The letter *D* is on which river? Trace the river in green.

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5 Trace the Rio Grande in purple. This river forms part of which boundary?

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6 Which letter is on the Great Lakes? What are the names of the lakes?

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\_\_\_\_\_

7 Which letter is on the Rocky Mountains? Which letter is on the Appalachian Mountains?

Rocky Mountains: \_\_\_\_\_

Appalachian Mountains: \_\_\_\_\_

8 The Continental Divide is an imaginary line that runs north and south along the highest points of which mountain range?

\_\_\_\_\_

9 Into which ocean do rivers east of the Continental Divide flow? Into which oceans do rivers west of the Continental Divide flow?

East of the Continental Divide: \_\_\_\_\_

West of the Continental Divide: \_\_\_\_\_



## 5.9 Issues Today

### DIRECTIONS

Read the two letters to the local newspaper below. They express different opinions about the same issue. Use the letters to answer the questions on page 86.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your article about building a highway over the old battleground. People need a faster way to drive to the city, but building a highway on historic land is not the solution. We need to honor the people who fought and died on this ground. A bridge over the battleground will make this historic site noisy and ugly.

Sincerely,  
Alex Warner

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of plans for the new highway. People who work in the city waste time in their cars that could be spent with their families or helping in the community. A quick route would improve life for the people who live here. Building the highway on a bridge that goes over the battleground is a good idea, because it leaves space for a park.

Sincerely,  
Patty Brown

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**1** What issue are the letters discussing? What are the two opinions they give?

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**2** In what other ways could the writers make their opinions known to government leaders and other members of the community?

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**3** If you wanted to find out more about this or another civic issue, what information resources could you use?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Sarah believes that her neighborhood needs a new park so that children have a safe place to play. She talked to her city council member about building a park. However, the council member did not think the area needed a new park. List two other ways Sarah can voice her opinion about this issue.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_*(continued)*

