

## Practice Test, Unit 1

**1** Which of the following is a common theory about how the first people arrived in North America?

- They crossed the North Pole from Europe.
- They came from Mexico thousands of years ago.
- They crossed a land bridge from Asia during an Ice Age.
- They crossed from Asia one winter when the Bering Strait froze.

**2** Which Native American group lived in what is now the Southwest United States before the arrival of European settlers?

- the Maya
- the Olmec
- the Mound Builders
- the Ancient Puebloans

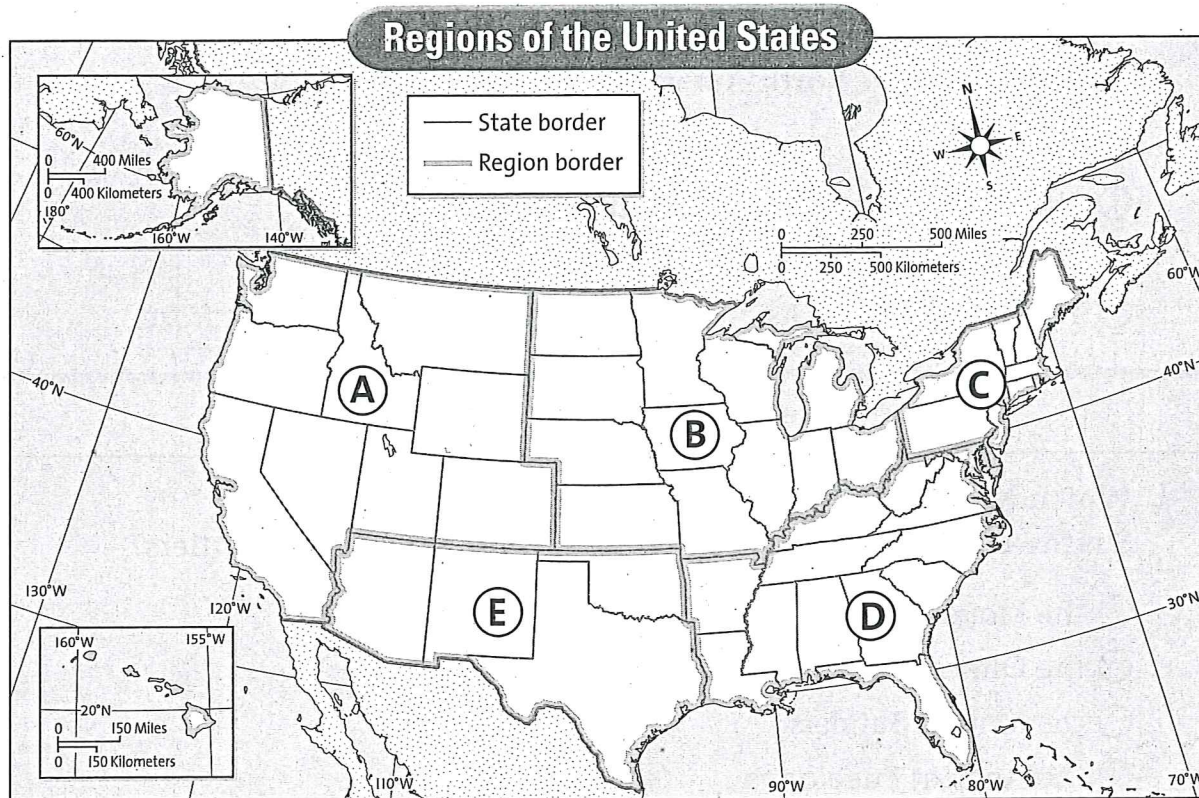
**3** Which of the following is TRUE of the Iroquois?

- They lived in earthen shelters called lodges.
- They lived in shelters made of ice in the winter.
- They built long wooden shelters called longhouses.
- They built cone-shaped shelters called teepees as summer homes.

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The map below shows the five regions of the United States. Use the map to answer Numbers 4 and 5.



**4** Letter *B* is on which region?

- West
- Midwest
- Northeast
- Southwest

**5** What can you tell from the map about the relative location of *E*?

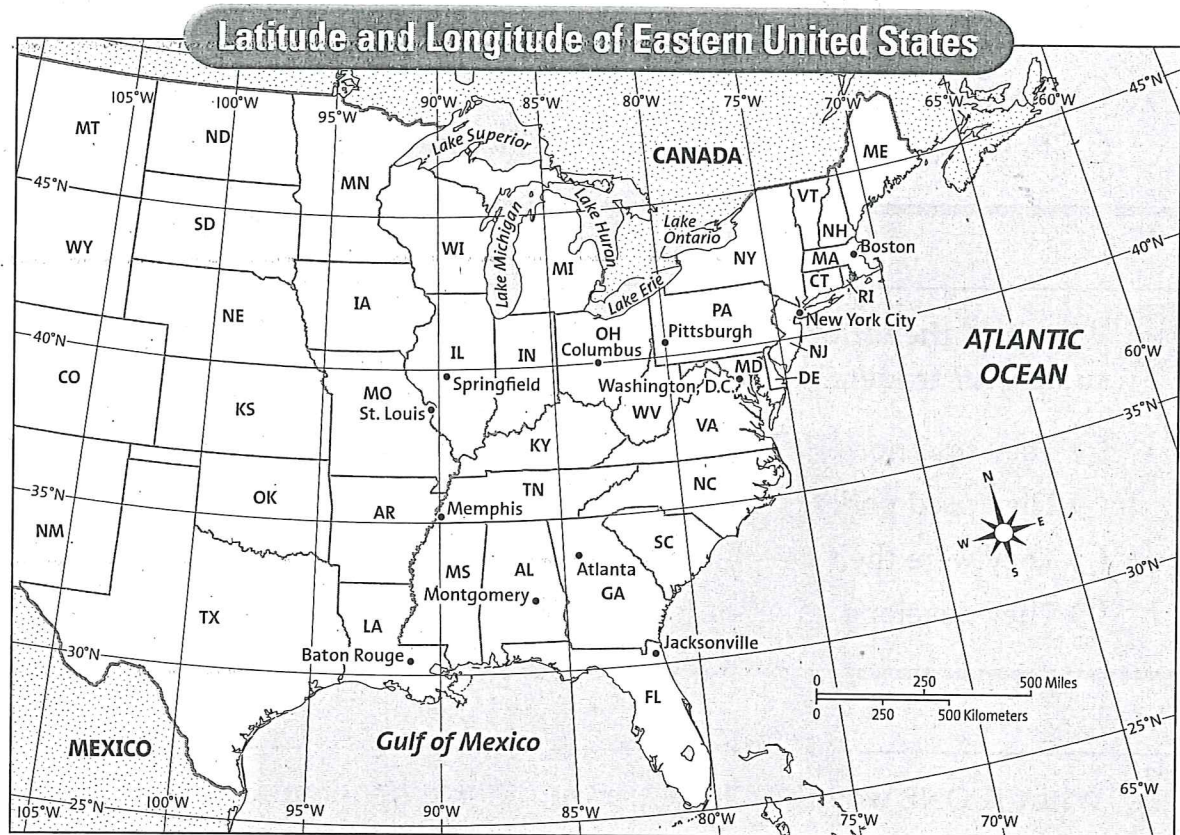
- It is east of the Northeast.
- It is between the Northeast and the Midwest.
- It is between the Midwest and the Southwest.
- It is south of the Midwest and east of the West.

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The map below shows lines of latitude and longitude for the eastern United States. Use the map to answer Numbers 6 and 7.



6 What city is located closest to  $40^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $80^{\circ}\text{W}$ ?

- Columbus, Ohio
- Springfield, Illinois
- Jacksonville, Florida
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

7 What is the absolute location of Memphis, Tennessee?

- $35^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $90^{\circ}\text{W}$
- $40^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $90^{\circ}\text{W}$
- between  $95^{\circ}\text{W}$  and  $85^{\circ}\text{W}$
- near the Tennessee border

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**8** What was the MAIN purpose of the Iroquois League?

- to control hunting rights on the Plains
- to decide how best to protect the Three Sisters
- to settle disputes among the Five Nations peacefully
- to set up trade networks across the Plains and the Southwest

**9** Which of the following BEST describes why the Chinook were successful traders?

- They had horses to trade.
- They used potlatches to barter.
- They were the first to use wampum for trade.
- They developed a unique language for trade.

**10** What is ONE way the Cheyenne and Kiowa adapted to their environment?

- They followed the buffalo herds.
- They planted corn, squash, and beans.
- They made almost everything out of wood.
- They fished the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

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11 Which group hunted foxes, caribou, polar bears, and seals?

- the Inuit
- the Makah
- the Chumash
- the Nez Perce

12 Look at the photograph of the totem pole below. Which Native American group might have designed this work of art?

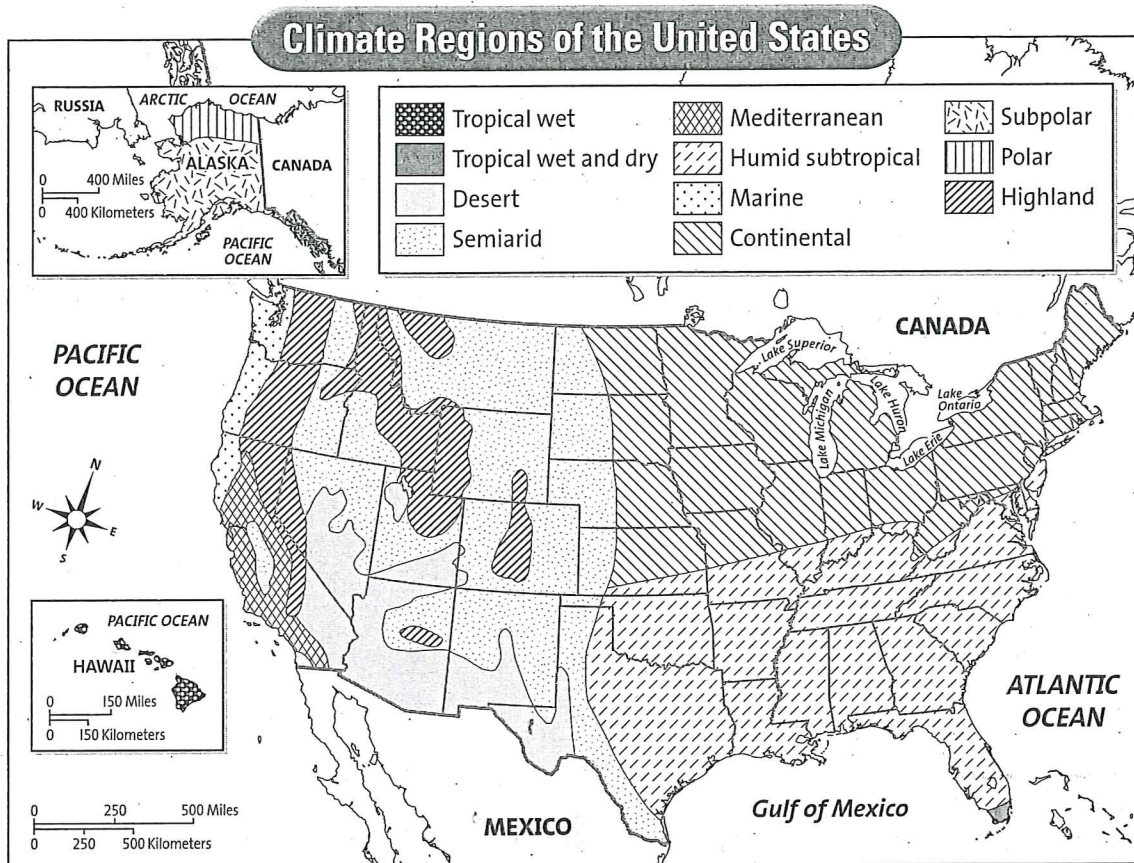


- the Navajo of the Southwest
- the Mohawk of the Northeast
- the Kwakiutl of the Northwest
- the Shoshone of the Great Basin

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13 The map below shows climate regions in the United States.



Which state has desert and semiarid climates in its western part and a humid subtropical climate in its eastern part?

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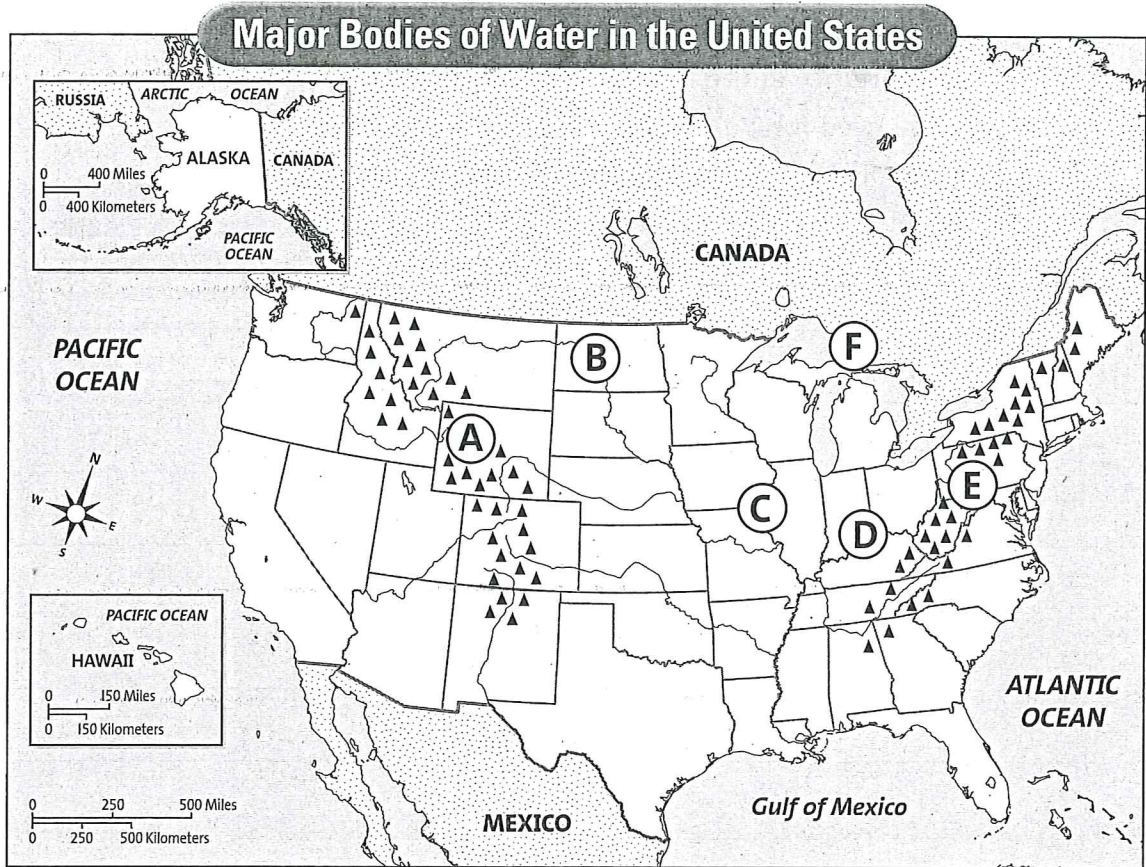
Describe what your climate would be like if you lived in Indiana near Lake Michigan.

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14 The map below shows major bodies of water in the United States.



Which letter is on the path of the Continental Divide?

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Choose ONE of the letters that is on a tributary of the Mississippi River, and give the tributary's name.

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**4 Read the following primary and secondary sources on the Constitutional Convention of 1787.**

**PRIMARY SOURCE**

“Shall New Jersey have the same right or influence in the councils of the nation as Pennsylvania? I say no. It is unjust. I will never confederate [join in] on this plan.”

—James Wilson, Pennsylvania

**SECONDARY SOURCE**

“Delegates from small states worried that the [Virginia Plan] would give large states control of Congress. With more votes, the larger states would be able to pass the laws they wanted. William Paterson offered a different plan, called the New Jersey Plan. Under this plan, the new Congress would have one house, in which each state would be equally represented. This plan would give the small states the same number of representatives as the large states.”

— *The United States: Making a New Nation*, p. 391

**What are the sources discussing?**

- whether slavery should be outlawed
- whether Congress should have two houses
- whether to fix the Articles of Confederation
- how many representatives each state should have in Congress

**5 Why was the Bill of Rights important to the ratification of the Constitution?**

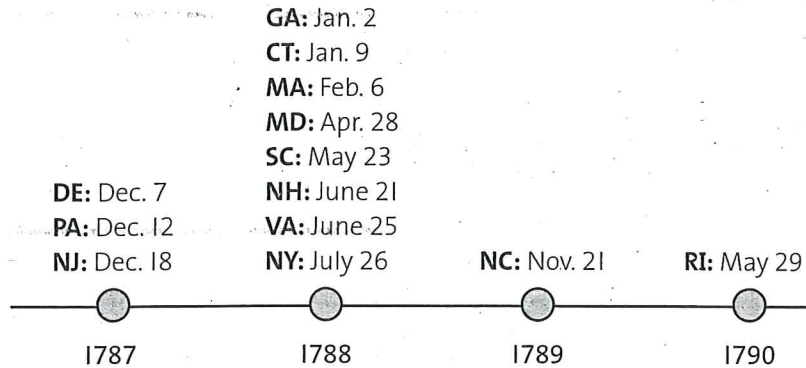
- It listed the benefits of the new national government.
- It made the Constitution respected in other countries.
- It convinced some Anti-Federalists to vote for the Constitution.
- It discouraged Anti-Federalists from voting for the Constitution.

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- 6** The timeline below shows when the states ratified the United States Constitution. The Constitution needed the approval of nine states to become the supreme law of the land.



On what date did the Constitution become law?

- 7** What is ONE of the rights and freedoms protected by the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights?
- freedom of speech
  - the right to a fair trial
  - the right to have weapons
  - protection against unfair searches

- 8** How is the President of the United States elected?
- The governors vote for President.
  - Citizens vote directly for President.
  - Citizens vote for electors, who then vote for President.
  - Congress votes on which of their members will serve as President.

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**13 Read the Preamble to the United States Constitution.**

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility [peace], provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

**Summarize in your own words ONE of the purposes of the United States government stated in the Preamble.**

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**According to the Preamble, where does the government get its power?**

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