

Geography of the United States

The United States is the third largest country in the world.

It is in North America between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The geography of the United States has a lot of variety.

There are mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, and islands.

There are 50 states and 5 major territories in the United States.

Each state and territory has its own capital.

The capital of my state is _____.

The capital of the United States is _____, _____.

Look at the map on page 2.

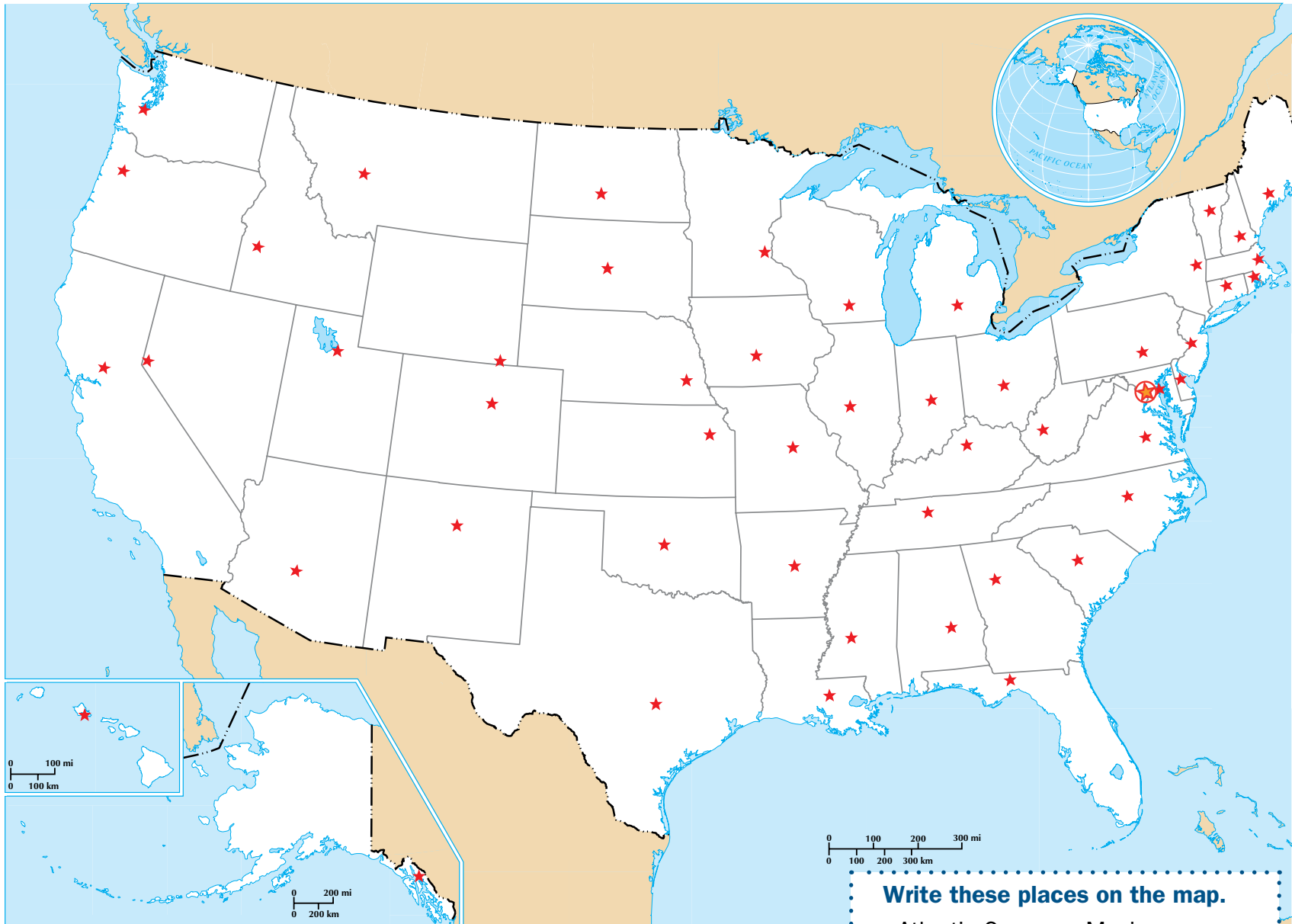
Label Washington, D.C.

Label your state and your state capital.



The Western Hemisphere.

Map of the United States



★ Represents a capital city

Courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Write these places on the map.

Atlantic Ocean	Mexico
Pacific Ocean	Canada
United States	Great Lakes

Lakes, Rivers, and Oceans

Water is very important for transportation, power, food, and tourism.

Many large U.S. cities are near water.

For example, Chicago and Detroit are near the Great Lakes.

The five Great Lakes are in the northern part of the United States.

The Atlantic Ocean is on the East Coast of the United States.

Puerto Rico is in the Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the U.S. territories.

The Pacific Ocean is on the West Coast of the United States.

The state of Hawaii is in the Pacific Ocean.

The Mississippi River and the Missouri River are the two longest rivers in the United States.

These rivers flow through the middle of the country.

What lake, river, or ocean is near you?



*The Mississippi River.
Courtesy of the National Park Service.*

Borders

Word Bank

New York

Texas

Montana

California

Minnesota

Canada

Mexico

Borders separate the United States from other countries in North America.

_____ borders the United States to the south.

There are four U.S. states that border Mexico.

Two states that border Mexico are _____ and _____.

Name other states that border Mexico.

_____ borders the United States to the north.

There are thirteen U.S. states that border Canada.

Three states that border Canada are _____, _____, and _____.

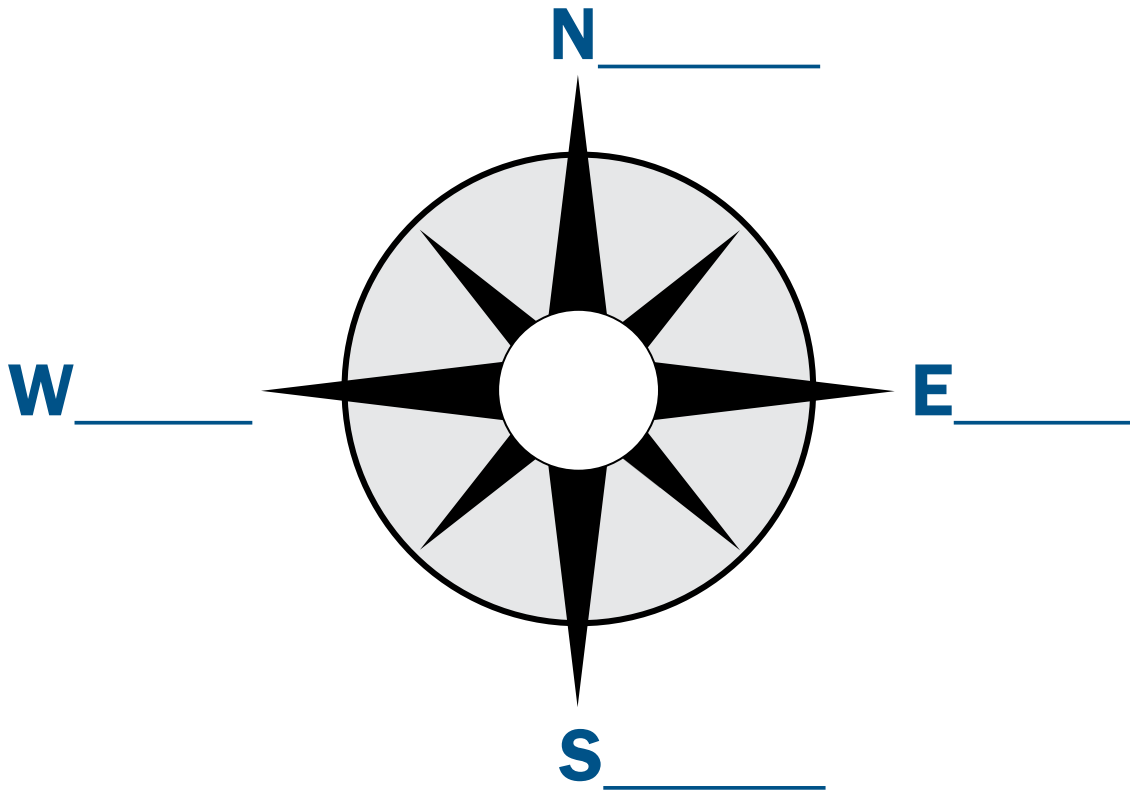
Name other states that border Canada.

Look at your U.S. map on page 2.

Find all of the border states on that map.

Write the names of all of the border states on the map.

Map Directions



Copy these words.

North

South

East

West

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