

Directions: Read the following information on maps and answer the multiple choice questions below. Be sure to cross out wrong answers and circle key words.

Absolute Location –

The United States is located in the Northern and Western hemispheres. With the exception of Hawaii, the country is located on the continent of North America. The country is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west.

Relative Location –

Geographers also consider an area's relative location, or where it is located in relation to other places. For example, the United States is located south of Canada and north of Mexico. California is west of New York.

Three Kinds of Maps –

- Physical maps show land features such as rivers and mountains.
- Political maps illustrate state or country boundaries and various political divisions such as counties and cities.
- Demographic maps show the placement of groups of people by different categories such as age or income level or education.

Multiple-Choice Questions:

- 1) Which type of map shows the most detailed information about Earth's natural features, such as rivers, lakes, and mountain ranges?
 - a) political
 - b) demographic
 - c) weather
 - d) physical
- 2) On which continent would you find the countries of Mexico, Canada, and the United States?
 - a) South America
 - b) North America
 - c) Europe
 - d) Asia
- 3) Which ocean is located off the east coast of the United States?
 - a) Pacific Ocean
 - b) Atlantic Ocean
 - c) Indian Ocean
 - d) Arctic Ocean
- 4) Which ocean is located off the west coast of the United States?
 - a) Pacific Ocean
 - b) Atlantic Ocean
 - c) Indian Ocean
 - d) Arctic Ocean
- 5) What two U.S. states are not located in the middle of the North American continent?
 - a) Arkansas and Nebraska
 - b) Alaska and Florida
 - c) Hawaii and California
 - d) Hawaii and Alaska
- 6) Which U.S. state is geographically closest to Russia?
 - a) New York
 - b) Texas
 - c) Oregon
 - d) Alaska
- 7) Which of the following U.S. states shares a border with Mexico?
 - a) Florida
 - b) New York
 - c) Texas
 - d) Maine
- 8) Which river flows through New York?
 - a) Mississippi River
 - b) Columbia River
 - c) Rio Grande River
 - d) Hudson River

Geographic Variations in the Thirteen Colonies:

New England	The Middle Colonies	The Southern Colonies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colder winters than other colonies • Soil in New England was full of large rocks • Farming was difficult • Covered with trees • Used the trees for lumber and to build ships • Ships were used to fish or to hunt for whales • New England became the leader in ocean shipping and commerce • There were many natural ports and harbors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A milder climate and much better soil than New England • The Middle Colonies were well suited for small farms • Middle Colonies shipped crops to Philadelphia and New York • As Philadelphia and New York grew as trading centers, manufacturing increased • Philadelphia also became an important shipbuilding center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The warmest of the English colonies • The warm climate made it possible to grow crops throughout the year • The land was flat and the soil was rich • Tobacco and rice were the two most important cash crops • The climate was ideally suited for plantations where slaves did the manual labor



1- State three facts about New England using the chart above:

2- State three facts about the Middle Colonies using the chart above:

3- State three facts about the Southern Colonies using the chart above:

4- How are the areas similar and how are the areas different?
