



Social Studies - 4th grade practice test

Fourth Grade Social Studies
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Instructions:

Bubble in the correct answer. Read all the choices before marking your answer.

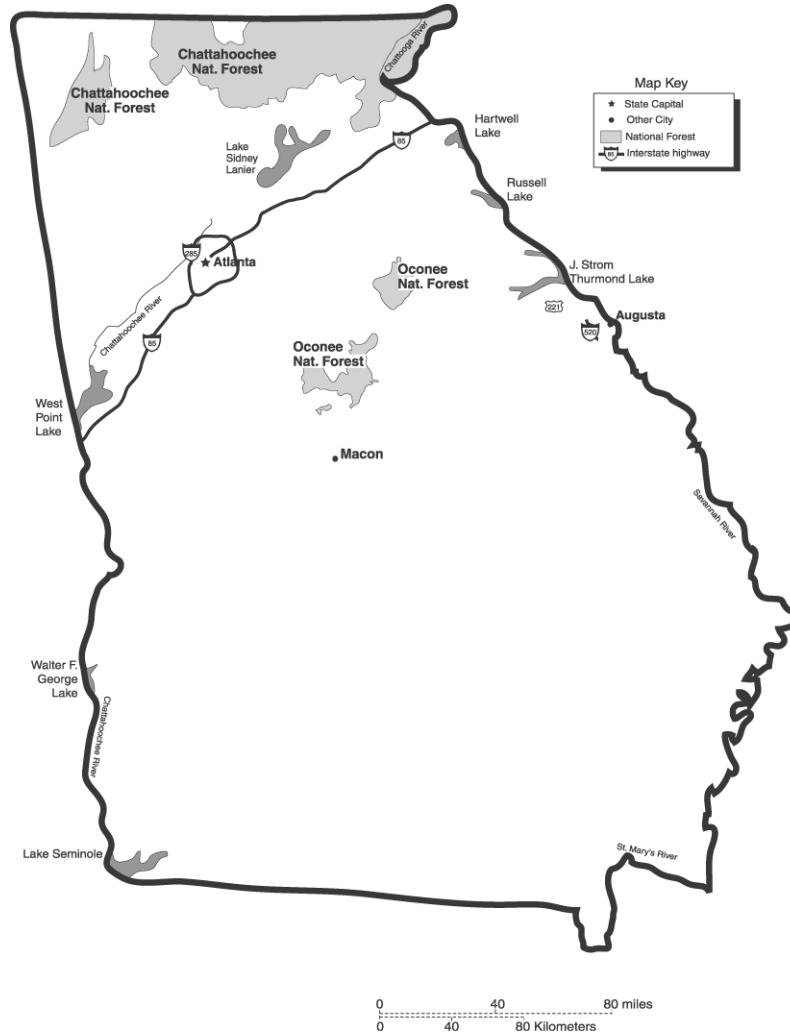
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Use the map below to answer question 1.



1. Look at the map. About how many miles are there between Lake Sidney Lanier and Macon?
 - A. 40 miles
 - B. 60 miles
 - C. 80 miles
 - D. 100 miles

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2. What do the colors on an elevation map show?

- A. information about the past
 - B. the height of land above sea level
 - C. the boundaries between states and countries
 - D. the amount of rainfall
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3. In the 1970s, gas prices in the United States went up. The federal government decided to pass a law to lower the amount of gas used. People were required to

- A. drive only small cars.
 - B. walk or ride a bus to school and work.
 - C. drive slower with lower speed limits.
 - D. purchase and use electric cars.
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4. A settlement at Jamestown was started in 1607. The leaders of Jamestown thought that they could force the Native Americans to grow crops for them. When this failed they started

- A. using settlers from France.
 - B. bringing slaves from Africa.
 - C. using captured Spanish prisoners.
 - D. bringing more settlers from England.
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5. Daniel Boone led settlers into Kentucky through the Wilderness Trail. The Native Americans called this land the "Dark and Bloody Ground" because

- A. Native Americans killed many animals in this area.
 - B. the minerals gave the rivers a reddish color.
 - C. Native Americans often fought each other in this area.
 - D. the salt licks were often red in color.
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6. On December 25, 1776, General Washington led troops across the Delaware River. Because of surprise the Americans won the Battle of Trenton. Why was this an important battle?

- A. The British surrendered and this was the end of the war.
 - B. The Americans had been losing and needed a victory to keep their hopes up.
 - C. The British brought over more troops in order to control most of the colonies.
 - D. The Americans were able to declare independence.
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7. Some of the settlers who came to the English colonies in the 1700s wanted to keep many of the freedoms that they had in England. The right to vote was one of these freedoms. Which one of the following groups could NOT vote in the 1700s?

- A. merchants
 - B. plantation owners
 - C. women
 - D. farmers who owned land
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8. Federalism is the division of powers between the different levels of government—national, state, and local. Which of the following would be a power ONLY the federal government can do?

- A. declare war
 - B. build roads
 - C. tax people
 - D. provide schools
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9. Which of the following statements about the economic term "services" is true?

- A. Services are people and places.
 - B. Services are jobs people do to help other people.
 - C. Services are resources found in nature.
 - D. Services are objects that people are paid to make.
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10. The English colonies in North America were settled for different reasons. The colony of Maryland was established in the 1600s

- A. only for people who could not pay their debts and were in jail.
 - B. for people of different beliefs, especially Catholics.
 - C. only for people who owned land in England and Ireland.
 - D. for people of different races, especially Asians.
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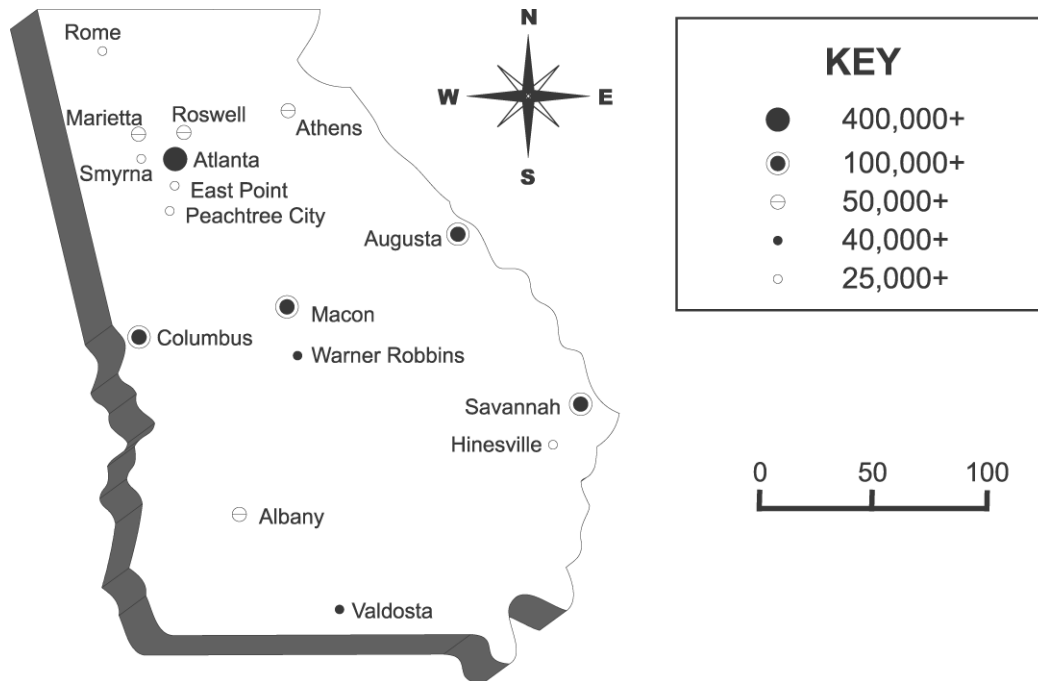
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Use the map below to answer question 11.



11. This map shows Georgia's largest cities. According to the map, which city is 150 miles southwest of Savannah?

- A. Macon
- B. Augusta
- C. Valdosta
- D. Hinesville

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Read the lines in the box below to answer question 12.

“Yankee Doodle went to town,

A-ridin’ on a pony,

Stuck a feather in his cap

And called it Macaroni.”

12. These words are from the song “Yankee Doodle.” It became a symbol for Americans during the

- A. Civil War.
 - B. War of 1812.
 - C. Revolutionary War.
 - D. French and Indian War.
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13. In 1775 the British army had taken over Boston. The Americans wanted to get the British out. In June, Minutemen moved into Charleston overlooking Boston Harbor. The next day the British attacked the Minutemen. The British won but lost many men. This was the battle of

- A. Saratoga.
 - B. Yorktown.
 - C. Bunker Hill.
 - D. Valley Forge.
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14. Calendars are used for many purposes. Events in the settlement of Georgia would be shown on a calendar that shows

- A. days by the seasons of the year.
 - B. historical events.
 - C. days by the phases of the moon.
 - D. rainfall estimates.
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Use the map below to answer question 15.



15. The Cascade Range of mountains is found in which of the following regions of the United States?

- A. Northwest
- B. Southeast
- C. Northeast
- D. Midwest

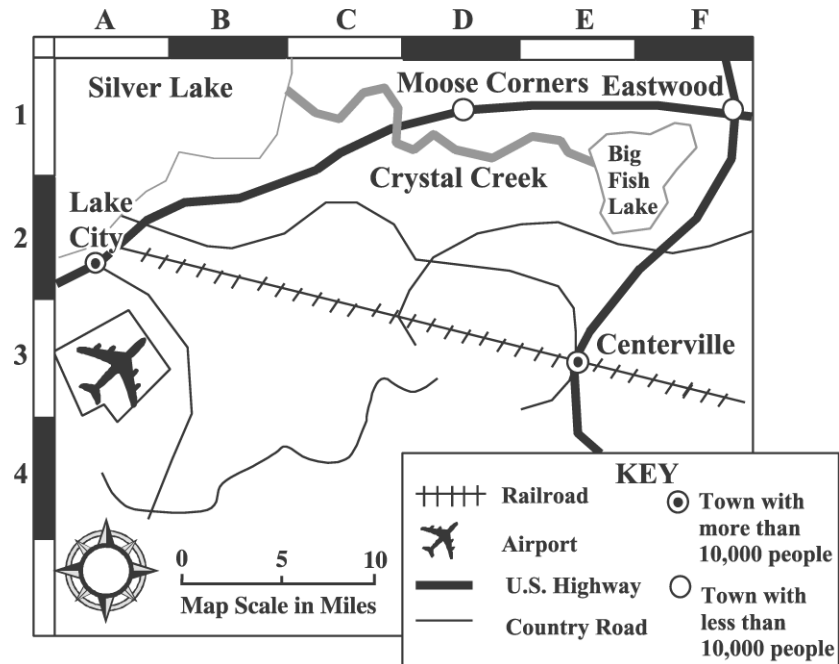
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Use the map below to answer question 16.



16. Look at the map. Which town is located about 20 miles northeast of the airport?

- A. Eastwood
- B. Lake City
- C. Centerville
- D. Moose Corners

17. Beginning in 1534, Jacques Cartier explored the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River. Cartier claimed the area now known as Quebec for what country?

- A. England
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Portugal

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A person who fought in the American Revolution could have said the following things:

- I was a British general.
- My troops fought battles in the southern colonies.
- I surrendered at Yorktown.

18. This person was:

- A. General Burgoyne
 - B. General Benedict Arnold
 - C. General Lord Cornwallis
 - D. General William Howe
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Use the map below to answer question 19.



19. What is the population of San Francisco, California?

- A. 3,500,000
- B. 6,000,000
- C. 8,000,000
- D. 13,000,000

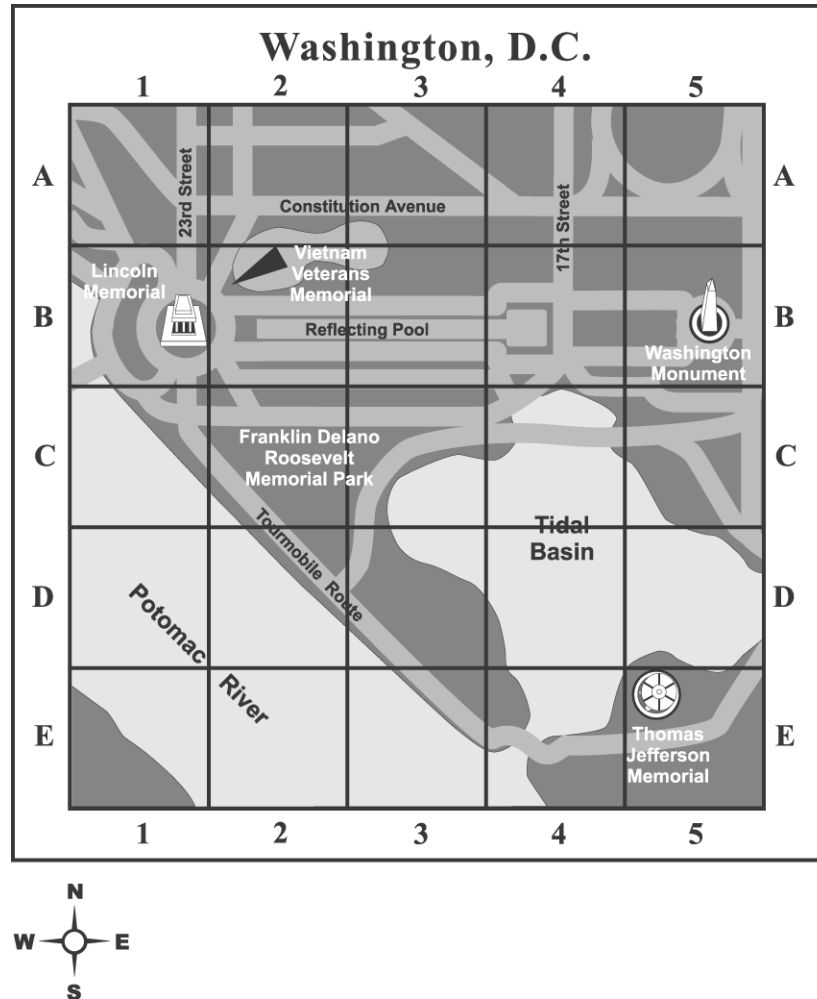
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Use the map below to answer question 20.



20. This map shows both cultural features and natural features. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial is a cultural feature because it

- A. was made by people.
- B. was built next to the Tidal Basin.
- C. was made by nature.
- D. was named for a person.

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21. All wars have what are called “turning points.” This would be when the side that is losing now begins to win. During the American Revolution, the “turning point” was the battle of

- A. Trenton.
 - B. Bunker Hill.
 - C. Saratoga.
 - D. Lexington.
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22. During the 1400s and 1500s, Spain was the most successful colonizing country in the Americas. Following its defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, which country started many colonies on the east coast of North America?

- A. France
 - B. Holland
 - C. England
 - D. Portugal
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23. During the 1400s and 1500s, explorers from European nations laid claim to lands in North and South America. The first explorer to reach the “New World” at that time claimed lands for the King of Spain. He was

- A. Henry Hudson.
 - B. Pedro Cabral.
 - C. Giovanni Verrazano.
 - D. Christopher Columbus.
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24. By the 1850s, people in the South had very different views from people in the North. Which of the following is one reason why?

- A. The two regions developed different economic systems.
 - B. The people had different religions.
 - C. The people who settled the South were from France.
 - D. The two regions had different governments.
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25. Throughout history, many people have not had clocks to tell time. Which of the following have people used to tell time?

- A. compasses
 - B. watches
 - C. pictographs
 - D. sundials
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26. In the 1600s, the Dutch started colonies in North America, near what is today New York. What was the main reason the Dutch started these colonies?

- A. They wanted to locate the Northwest Passage.
 - B. They wanted to spread their religion to North America.
 - C. They wanted to control the trade in that area.
 - D. They wanted to find the Fountain of Youth.
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27. During the years between 1800–1850, the Industrial Revolution and developing technology changed the United States. Which of the following was a major result of the Industrial Revolution?

- A. Machines did the work which people had done.
 - B. People moved from factory to factory.
 - C. Animals were still used to do all of the heavy work in factories.
 - D. People worked only in factories, not on farms.
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28. Members of the state legislature are thinking about raising the driving age. Some people are not in favor of this change. Which of the following would be the MOST effective action they could take?

- A. contact the person in charge of the state police
 - B. write a letter to members of their city council
 - C. contact members of their state legislature
 - D. write a letter to their United States Senator
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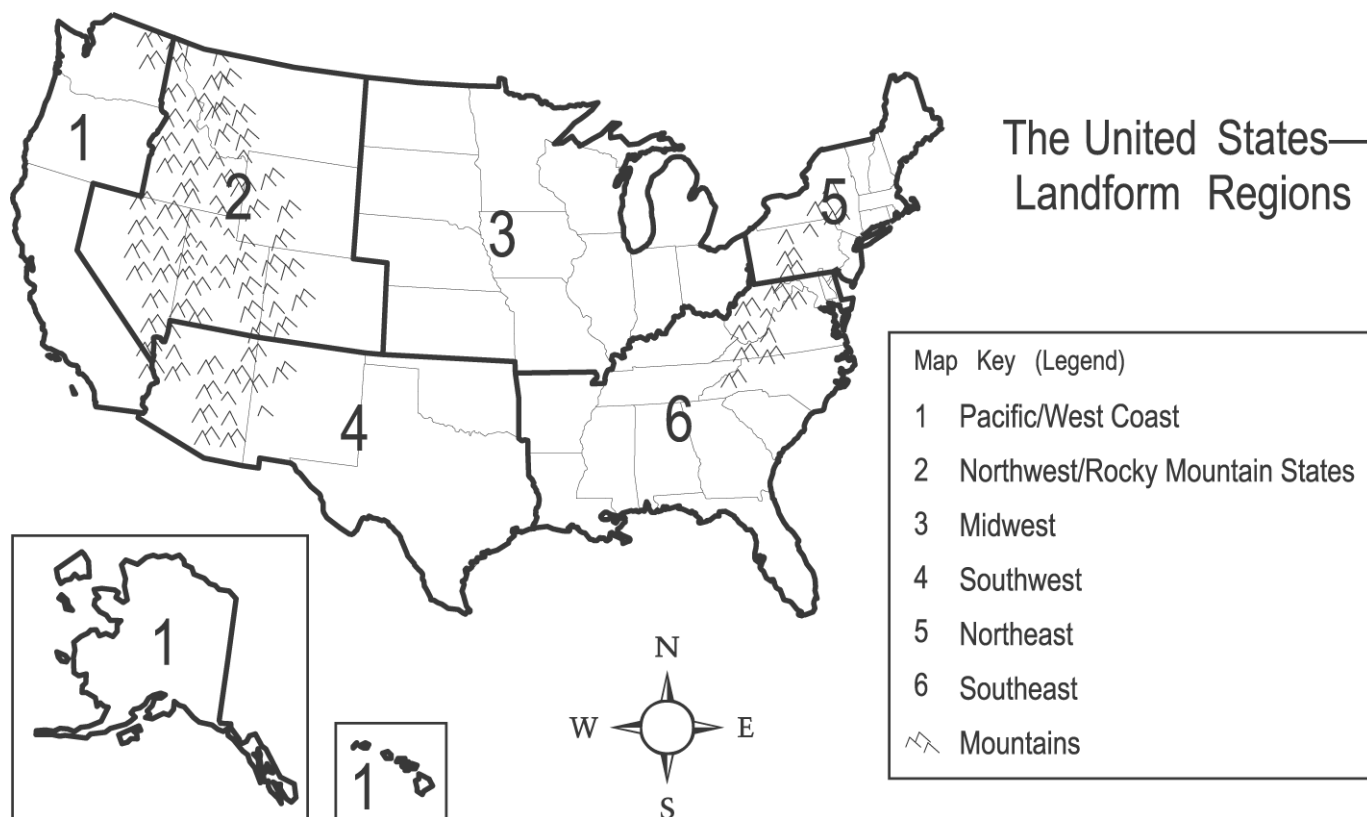
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Use the map below to answer question 29.



29. Which region of the United States does NOT have any mountains?

- A. Midwest
- B. Southeast
- C. Northwest
- D. Southwest

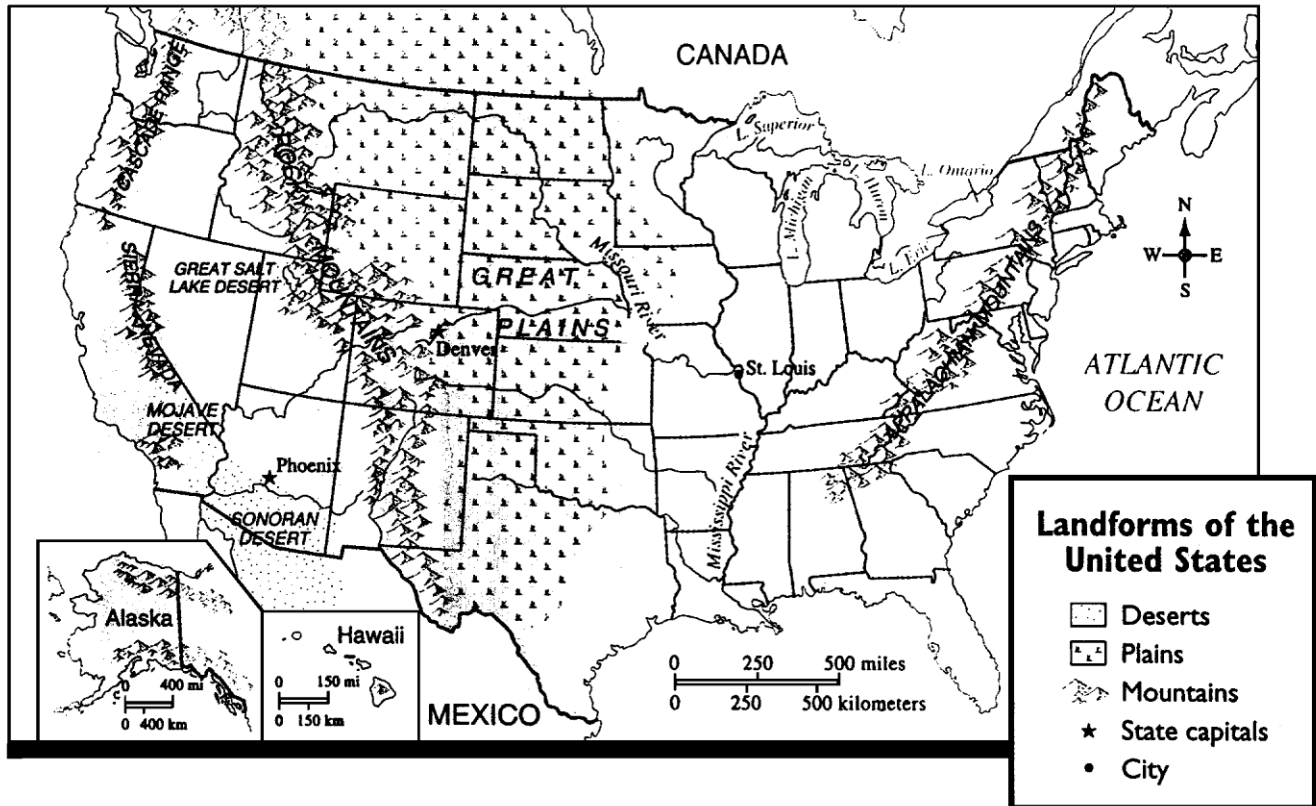
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Use the map below to answer question 30.



30. In which region of the United States is the Sonoran Desert located?

- A. Southwest
- B. Midwest
- C. Northeast
- D. Southeast