

Homework #4

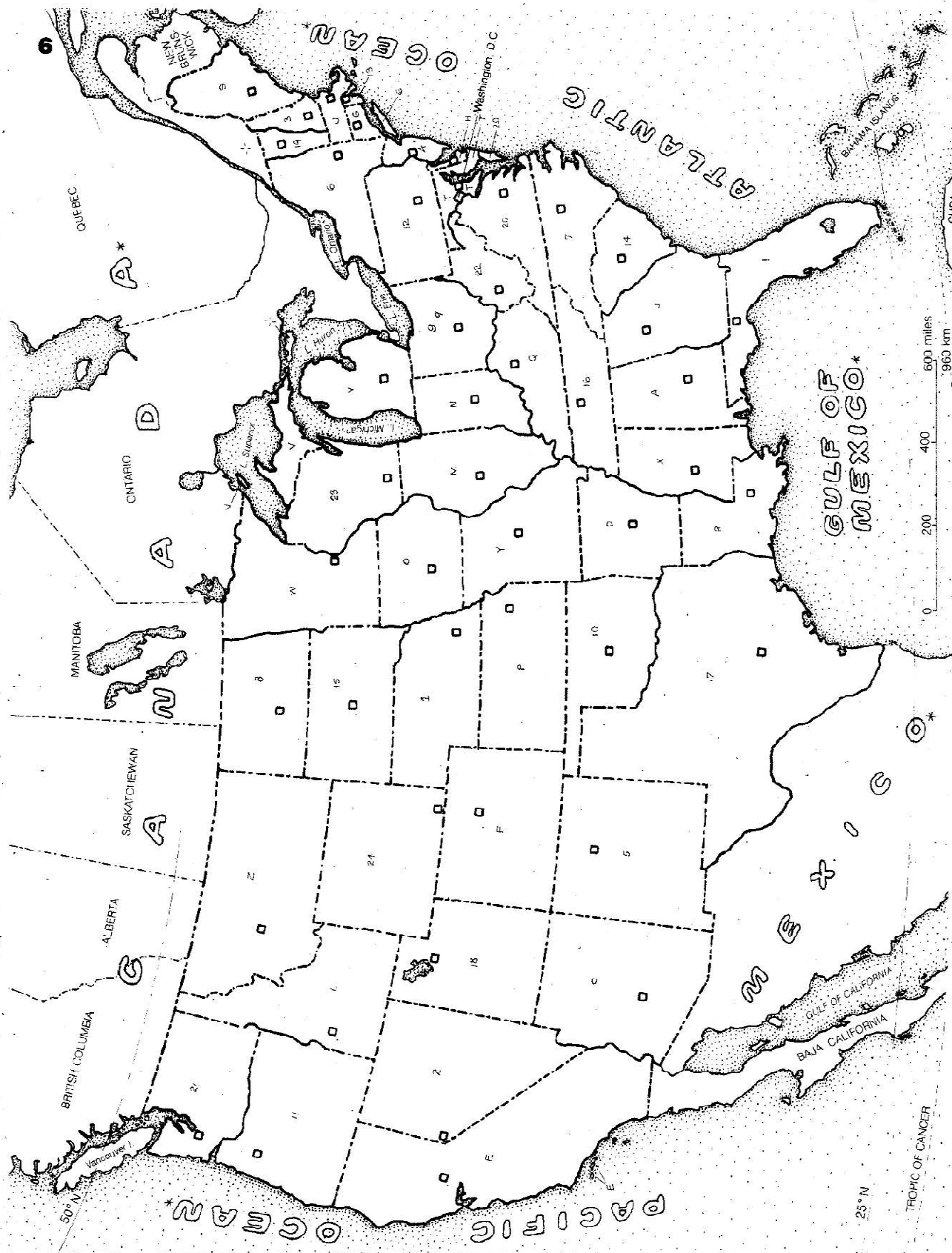


Read Chapter 5 (pages 93 - 115). Answer these questions on notebook paper.

1. Which two mountain ranges are included in the Pacific Mountain Ranges?
2. Where is the Great Basin located?
3. The Rockies form the Western Continental Divide. What is a continental divide?
4. Where is the Eastern Continental Divide?
5. In which region of the US is New Braunfels located?
6. What is an aquifer? Write the definition from the book.
7. How were many of the US lakes formed?
8. What causes the rain shadow on the eastern side of the Rockies?
9. What are “lake-effect snows” and where do they occur in the US?
10. What kind of government system does the US have?
11. Which branches of government does the separation of powers in the US Constitution create?
12. What does “unalienable” mean? (Look it up online.)
13. Which rights in the US are “unalienable”?
14. Who carved the heads on Mount Rushmore?
15. Which presidents are featured on Mount Rushmore? What does each president represent?
16. Who owns most of the factors of production in the US?
17. What was the GDP per capita in the US in 2024? (Look it up online.)
18. What percentage of our GDP is industry and what percent is services?
19. What is the current national debt? Go to <https://www.usdebtclock.org/> to find out. (Click on Close in the top right corner to get rid of the pop-up ad.)
20. What is the current national debt per taxpayer in the US? (Use the same website.)
21. Where did the 2010 census show there has there been the greatest growth in population in the US?
22. What is the largest racial group in Texas? What percentage of the state population are they?
23. What is the average life span of an American?
24. What has enriched American culture over time?
25. List the four core values of Americans that are listed in the book.
26. Google “What is the environmental impact of data centers”. Write down what it says.
27. How does mining affect the environment? (Mining for minerals, not data mining)
28. After the garbage truck picks up your trash, where does it go?
29. Are there any landfills near New Braunfels? If so, where?
30. Look up the name of 5 invasive species that are now in Texas.

For the Unit 2 test, you will have to be able to label all 50 states on the US map.

You can use these pages to practice. You do not have to turn these pages in with your Homework #4.



NORTH AMERICA: UNITED STATES

ALABAMA^A / MONTGOMERY
 ALASKA^B / JUNEAU
 ARIZONA^C / PHOENIX
 ARKANSAS^D / LITTLE ROCK
 CALIFORNIA^E / SACRAMENTO
 COLORADO^F / DENVER
 CONNECTICUT^G / HARTFORD
 DELAWARE^H / DOVER
 FLORIDA^I / TALLAHASSEE
 GEORGIA^J / ATLANTA
 HAWAII^K / HONOLULU
 IDAHO^L / BOISE
 ILLINOIS^M / SPRINGFIELD
 INDIANA^N / INDIANAPOLIS
 IOWA^O / DES MOINES
 KANSAS^P / TOPEKA
 KENTUCKY^Q / FRANKFORT
 LOUISIANA^R / BATON ROUGE
 MAINE^S / AUGUSTA
 MARYLAND^T / ANNAPOLIS
 MASSACHUSETTS^U / BOSTON
 MICHIGAN^V / LANSING
 MINNESOTA^W / ST. PAUL
 MISSISSIPPI^X / JACKSON
 MISSOURI^Y / JEFFERSON CITY
 MONTANA^Z / HELENA
 NEBRASKA¹ / LINCOLN
 NEVADA² / CARSON CITY
 NEW HAMPSHIRE³ / CONCORD
 NEW JERSEY⁴ / TRENTON
 NEW MEXICO⁵ / SANTE FE
 NEW YORK⁶ / ALBANY
 NORTH CAROLINA⁷ / RALEIGH
 NORTH DAKOTA⁸ / BISMARCK

OHIO⁹ / COLUMBUS
 OKLAHOMA¹⁰ / OKM
 OREGON¹¹ / SALEM
 PENNSYLVANIA¹² / HARRISBURG
 RHODE ISLAND¹³ / PROVIDENCE
 SOUTH CAROLINA¹⁴ / COLUMBIA
 SOUTH DAKOTA¹⁵ / PIERRE
 TENNESSEE¹⁶ / NASHVILLE
 TEXAS¹⁷ / AUSTIN
 UTAH¹⁸ / SALT LAKE CITY
 VERMONT¹⁹ / MONTPELIER
 VIRGINIA²⁰ / RICHMOND
 WASHINGTON²¹ / OLYMPIA
 WEST VIRGINIA²² / CHARLESTON
 WISCONSIN²³ / MADISON
 WYOMING²⁴ / CHEYENNE



CN: (1) With 50 states to color, you will have to use some colors more than once. To avoid using the same color on adjacent states, color a state first and then its name below. Do not color squares representing state capitals or Washington, D.C. (2) Color Alaska and Hawaii (note they are drawn to the same scale as the other states).

Area: 3,620,000 sq.m.(9,412,000 km²). Population: 288,000,000. Capital: Washington, D.C. 575,000. Government: Republic. Language: English; many ethnic dialects. Religion: Protestant 33%, Roman Catholic 22%. Exports: Machinery, aircraft, electronics, coal, iron and steel, chemicals, textiles, cotton, grains, soybeans, corn, produce. Climate: Temperate, except for northern and midwestern extremes; Pacific coast is mild; southwest is dry with very hot summers; Gulf coast is subtropical. □ During the 20th century the United States became the world's most affluent and powerful nation. It is fourth in size (after Russia, Canada, and China), and third in

population (after China and India). The U.S. has benefited from having enormous natural resources, an ideal location for trade, vast regions of fertile land and favorable weather, friendly neighboring countries, protective ocean barriers, a classless social and economic system that rewards individual effort, a stable and democratic government, and, finally, the existence of personal, religious, and economic freedom for its people, including the millions of highly motivated, recent immigrants. At the peak of U.S. prosperity, the value of its manufactured, mined, and grown products far exceeded that of any nation—6% of the world's population was producing 50% of its wealth. In the 1970s, the U.S. began to face growing competition from Europe and Asia. In addition, the cost of waging war, both hot and cold, against international communism had drained its resources. But by the late 1980s, communism collapsed in Europe, and with it the Soviet Union; the U.S. no longer had a major enemy. In the late 1990s, the booming Asian economies suffered an unexpected economic collapse. The U.S., with a restructured, highly efficient manufacturing sector, once again found itself in the role of the world's most powerful nation.