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Physical Features

Sixteen of North America's most important physical features are labeled on the map below. Conduct research, then write the letter from the map beside the name of the feature.

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| _____ 1. Aleutian Islands | _____ 9. Gulf of Mexico |
| _____ 2. Appalachian Mountains | _____ 10. Hudson Bay |
| _____ 3. Caribbean Sea | _____ 11. Isthmus of Panama |
| _____ 4. Florida Peninsula | _____ 12. Lesser Antilles |
| _____ 5. Great Basin | _____ 13. Mississippi River |
| _____ 6. Great Lakes | _____ 14. Rio Grande River |
| _____ 7. Great Plains | _____ 15. Rocky Mountains |
| _____ 8. Greater Antilles | _____ 16. Yucatan Peninsula |



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Waterways

Waterways have played an important role in the history and development of North America. Waterways include rivers, lakes, straits, gulfs, bays, seas, and oceans.

Conduct research to locate the 20 important waterways described on page 103. Find the waterway's letter on the map below and write it beside its description.



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Waterways *(cont.)*

Locate each of these vital waterways on the map on page 102. On the line beside each description, write the corresponding letter from the map.

- _____ 1. **Beaufort Sea** ❁ large sea of the Arctic Ocean; located north of Alaska and west of Canada
- _____ 2. **Bering Strait** ❁ connects the Arctic and Pacific Oceans; separates Alaska and Russia
- _____ 3. **Caribbean Sea** ❁ sea of the Atlantic Ocean; tropical region filled with the Antilles islands
- _____ 4. **Colorado River** ❁ flows from the Rocky Mountains, through the Grand Canyon, to the Gulf of California
- _____ 5. **Columbia River** ❁ flows from western Canada to the U.S., empties into the Pacific Ocean
- _____ 6. **Gulf of Alaska** ❁ northern sea of the Pacific Ocean; curves along the southern coast of Alaska
- _____ 7. **Gulf of California** ❁ sea of the Pacific Ocean; separates Baja California from Mexico
- _____ 8. **Gulf of Mexico** ❁ world's largest gulf; connects to the Atlantic Ocean and borders three countries: the U.S., Mexico, and Cuba
- _____ 9. **Hudson Bay** ❁ large, inland, saltwater sea in northeastern Canada
- _____ 10. **Labrador Sea** ❁ sea of the North Atlantic Ocean; located between Greenland and the Labrador Peninsula
- _____ 11. **Lake Michigan** ❁ second-largest of the Great Lakes; stretches north to south and divides the state of Michigan
- _____ 12. **Lake Superior** ❁ largest freshwater lake in the world; lies between Canada and the U.S.
- _____ 13. **Mackenzie River** ❁ Canada's longest river; flows into the Beaufort Sea
- _____ 14. **Mississippi River** ❁ flows south from Minnesota all the way to the Gulf of Mexico
- _____ 15. **Missouri River** ❁ flows east and south from the northern Rockies; meets the Mississippi
- _____ 16. **Panama Canal** ❁ man-made route through the Isthmus of Panama; connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- _____ 17. **Potomac River** ❁ begins in the Appalachian Mountains; flows past Washington, D.C.
- _____ 18. **Rio Grande** ❁ part of the boundary between the U.S. and Mexico; empties into the Gulf of Mexico
- _____ 19. **St. Lawrence River** ❁ important transportation route; connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean
- _____ 20. **Yukon River** ❁ flows through Canada and across Alaska; empties into the Bering Sea

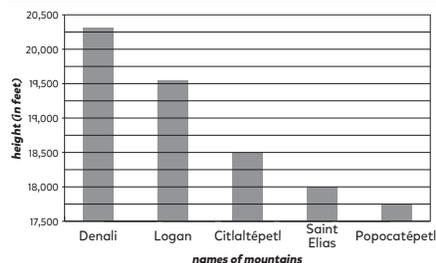
Answer Key

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- 1. B 5. P 9. I 13. H
- 2. F 6. E 10. A 14. G
- 3. M 7. D 11. O 15. C
- 4. J 8. K 12. N 16. L

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	Name of Mountain	Location (Country)	Height (feet)	Height (meters)
1.	Denali	U.S.	20,310	6,191
2.	Mount Logan	Canada	19,551	5,959
3.	Citlaltépetl	Mexico	18,491	5,636
4.	Mount Saint Elias	Canada/U.S.	18,009	5,489
5.	Popocatepétl	Mexico	17,749	5,410



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- 1. M 5. F 9. A 13. I 17. H
- 2. K 6. T 10. N 14. P 18. B
- 3. E 7. L 11. C 15. D 19. J
- 4. S 8. O 12. Q 16. R 20. G

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Answers will vary. Accept reasonable responses.

1. Location: Mojave Desert in southeastern California; Information: one of the hottest places on Earth during the summer months
2. Location: northern Arizona, at the southern end of the Colorado Plateau; Information: one of the largest canyons in the world, continuously carved by the Colorado River
3. Location: northern Arizona, southeast of the Grand Canyon; Information: a 7,500-mile area that features many colorful layers of rock

4. Location: southwestern United States; Information: the only place in the U.S. where the boundaries of four states (Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico) meet

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Note: Populations have been rounded and may vary.

1. Jamaica; 2.8 million
2. Greenland; 57,000
3. Puerto Rico; 3.3 million
4. Cuba; 11.2 million
5. Devon Island; 0
6. Newfoundland; 539,000
7. Hispaniola; 22.3 million
8. Grand Bahama; 413,000
9. Vancouver Island; 864,000
10. Kodiak Island; 13,000

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1. 20
2. 40
3. Chicago
4. Havana
5. Mexico City

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Answers may vary. Accept reasonable responses.

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Answers may vary.

- bauxite: Jamaica, mining
- cattle: United States, agriculture
- coal: United States, mining
- copper: United States, mining
- cotton: United States, agriculture
- iron: Canada, mining
- natural gas: United States, mining
- oats: Canada, agriculture
- oranges: United States, agriculture
- petroleum: United States, mining
- tungsten: Canada, mining
- uranium: Canada, mining
- wheat: United States, agriculture

1. mining
2. three
3. United States

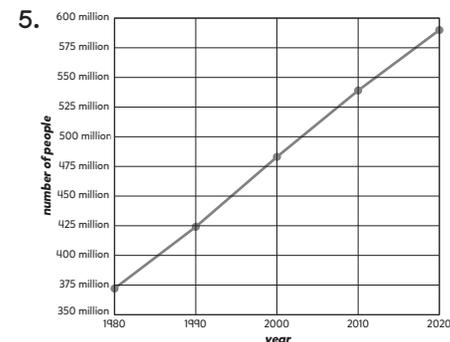
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1. l, mammal
2. i, bird
3. m, mammal
4. g, mammal
5. n, mammal, endangered
6. d, reptile
7. k, mammal
8. e, mammal
9. f, mammal
10. c, mammal
11. b, bird

12. j, reptile
13. h, mammal
14. a, mammal

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1. 424
2. 483
3. 539
4. 590



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Rank	Country Name	Population (in millions)
1st	United States	315
2nd	Mexico	140
3rd	Canada	35
4th	Guatemala	15
5th	Haiti	10
6th	Dominican Republic	10
7th	Cuba	10
8th	Honduras	7
9th	Nicaragua	6
10th	El Salvador	5

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1. J 3. H 5. D 7. G 9. E
2. F 4. I 6. A 8. B 10. C

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1. English
2. English
3. English
4. English
5. English, French
6. Spanish
7. Spanish
8. English
9. Spanish
10. Spanish
11. Spanish
12. French, Creole
13. Spanish
14. English
15. Spanish
16. Spanish
17. Spanish
18. English
19. Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama
20. southern

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1. 35%
2. United States
3. 50%
4. Catholic and Protestant
5. Answers will vary.

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1. B 3. C 5. C 7. C 9. D
2. D 4. A 6. B 8. A 10. B