



The U.S. Geography



America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact – the first community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality.

Adlai Stevenson

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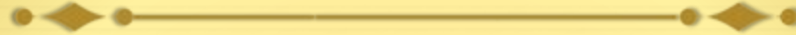
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Name one U.S. territory.

Name one state that borders Canada.

Name one state that borders Mexico.

Match the verbs with their definitions



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The United States is divided into 50 states and the District of Columbia. The U.S flag has 50 stars, because there are 50 states. The largest state in the country is Alaska and the smallest is Rhode Island. Besides the 50 states, there are five major territories. Two U.S. territories, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, are in the Atlantic Ocean. Three other territories are in the Pacific Ocean: Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States. But each state and territory has its own capital. Sometimes, the state capital is not the largest city in the state.

USA borders on Mexico and Canada. Mexico is to the south of the United States. There are four states that border Mexico: Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. Canada borders the United States to the north. Thirteen U.S. states border Canada: Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire,

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Assignments



What did you learn this lesson?

Put your new knowledge into the 'Now We Know' section of the group map and the 'Now I Know' section of your individual map in the portfolio.

Work on the "We Are The Change" part of your portfolio.

Work on the weekly chart of your portfolio.