

Humanities

Creating a Geopolitical Map of the United States

Directions: Record the following physical, political, and historical features on the blank outline map. Exercise care to make your final product both readable and attractive.

Part 1: Physical Features (see *Americans*, pp. 1064-5; 1070-1.)

A. Oceans & Bodies of Water (#5)

Atlantic Ocean
Pacific Ocean
Gulf of Mexico
Chesapeake Bay (p. 51)
Bering Strait

B. Rivers (#6)

Mississippi
Rio Grande
Columbia
Colorado
Hudson
St. Lawrence

C. Mountain Ranges & Plains (#4)

Sierra Nevada
Rockies (p. 263)
Cascades
Appalachians
Grand Canyon
Great Plains (p. 263)

D. Lakes (#6)

Great Salt Lake
5 Great Lakes (Superior, Huron,
Michigan, Erie & Ontario)

Part 2: Political Features

A. 10 States with Greatest Population & Electoral Power: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia, Michigan & North Carolina.

B. 11 Major U.S. Cities: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Miami, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Seattle, San Francisco, & Los Angeles.

Part 3: Historical Developments (see *Americans*, pp. 1067; 1070-1.)

Dates

1607

1620

1700s

1803

1804-6

1820s-80s

1830s-40s

1846

1846-8

1869

Events

Jamestown Settlement (p. 50-1)

Massachusetts Bay Colony (p. 56)

Thirteen Original Colonies (by name)

Louisiana Purchase

Lewis & Clark Expedition (p. 187)

Westward Expansion (p. 263)

Indian "Removal" for Southeast (p. 213)

Settlement of Oregon Territory (p. 1070)

U.S.-Mexican War & Mexican Cession (p. 275; 1070)

Completion of Transcontinental Railroad (Omaha to Sacto; p. 418)

UNITED STATES (Including Alaska and Hawaii)

