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	Events
1607	Jamestown Settlement (p. 50-1)
1620	Massachusetts Bay Colony (p. 56)
1700s	Thirteen Original Colonies (by name)
1803	Louisiana Purchase
1804-6	Lewis & Clark Expedition (p. 187)
1820s-80s	Westward Expansion (p. 263)
1830s-40s	Indian "Removal" for Southeast (p. 213)
1846	Settlement of Oregon Territory (p. 1070)
1846-8	U.S.-Mexican War & Mexican Cession (p. 275; 1070)
1869	Completion of Transcontinental Railroad (Omaha to Sacto; p. 418)