

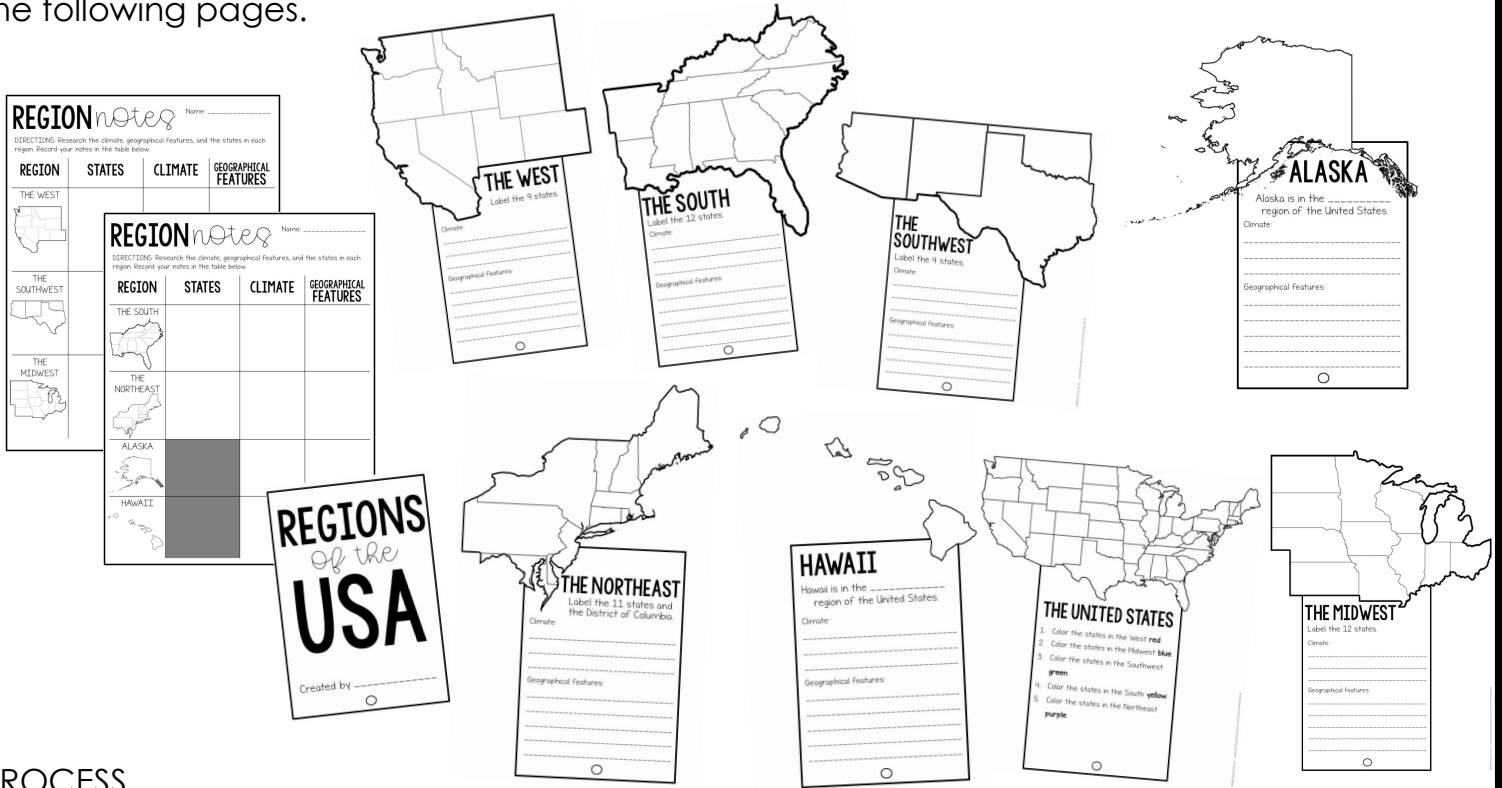
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# TEACHER directions

Hello Teacher! Thank you for downloading these interactive fact fans. I think your students are really going to enjoy this way of showcasing their knowledge about the five regions of the United States!

To help visualize the prep needed for the project, each student will need a copy of each of the following pages.



## PROCESS

Students research and record the information on their Note-Taking Sheets. Then, they edit their work and publish the information on the fans.

Next, students label the states in each region, color the regions, cut out the fan, and hole-punch the bottom. A metal brad inserted through the circles completes the project! An optional Resources page is included for students who are ready to begin citing their sources.

\* The answer key for the Note-Taking Sheet is at the end of the unit. This sheet has the same information students will be transferring to their fans. This way, you can check students' notes for accuracy before they begin publishing.

## TIPS

- Printing on normal printer paper will work just fine. For sturdier fans, print onto cardstock.
- I like to teach students how to color before they begin coloring the fans. This sounds silly, but I have found that a simple lesson on coloring in one direction with a light hand can help students improve the quality of their fan. I also show them how to outline in marker and fill in with crayon.
- When cutting out the fans, students may find it simpler (and therefore look better) to cut just outside the shape, rather than try to cut around each angle of the regions.

# RECOMMENDED resources

**Ducksters:** This site provides the states included in each region, the climate, and the geographical features. If you want your students to work a little harder at researching, you may want to introduce them to this site last! However, for beginning research, a focus on note-taking, or struggling students, this site will serve the information up on a silver platter!

Students scroll down to *Geography* and click on *United States*. Then, they scroll past the maps and click on *Regions of the United States*.

<http://www.planetsforkids.org/>

**Statel Knowledge:** This site provides quick facts for each state. The facts are in list form, so little reading is needed. Students must type the state name into the search bar on the home page.

[www.ipl.org/div/stateknow/](http://www.ipl.org/div/stateknow/)

**National Geographic Kids:** Students type the state name into the search bar, and then select the first link called \_\_\_\_\_ *Pictures and Facts*. This site is nice because there is a lot of information, but in paragraph form. Students must read to find their answers.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Scholastic books orders often has many options for high quality books about the United States. Some titles I like are below:

- True Books U.S. Regions (Series) by Dana Meachen Rau
- The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
- National Geographic Kids United States Atlas by National Geographic
- O, Say Can You See? America's Symbols, Landmarks, and Important Words by Sheila Keenan
- The United States of America: A State-by-State Guide by Millie Miller
- Don't Know Much About the Fifty States by Kenneth C. Davis
- Smart About the Fifty States: A Class Report by John Buller

If you find other amazing resources, please share them with me! I'd love to hear what is working in your classroom!

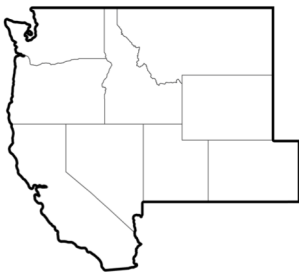
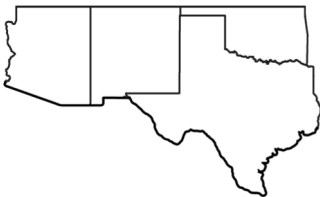

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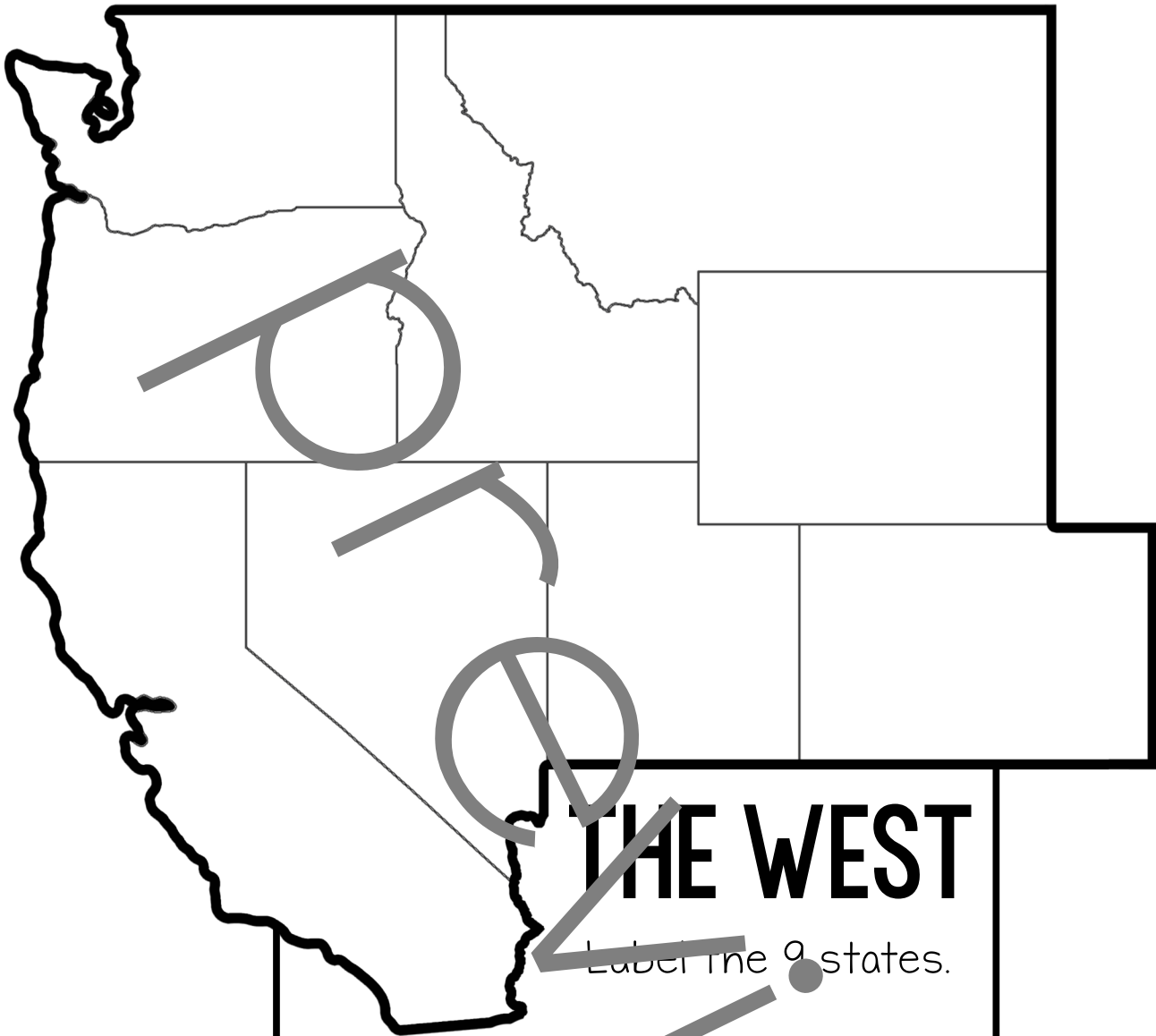
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# REGION notes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS: Research the climate, geographical features, and the states in each region. Record your notes in the table below.

REGION	STATES	CLIMATE	GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES
THE WEST 			
THE SOUTHWEST 			
THE MIDWEST 			



# THE WEST

Label the 9 states.

Climate:

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Geographical features:

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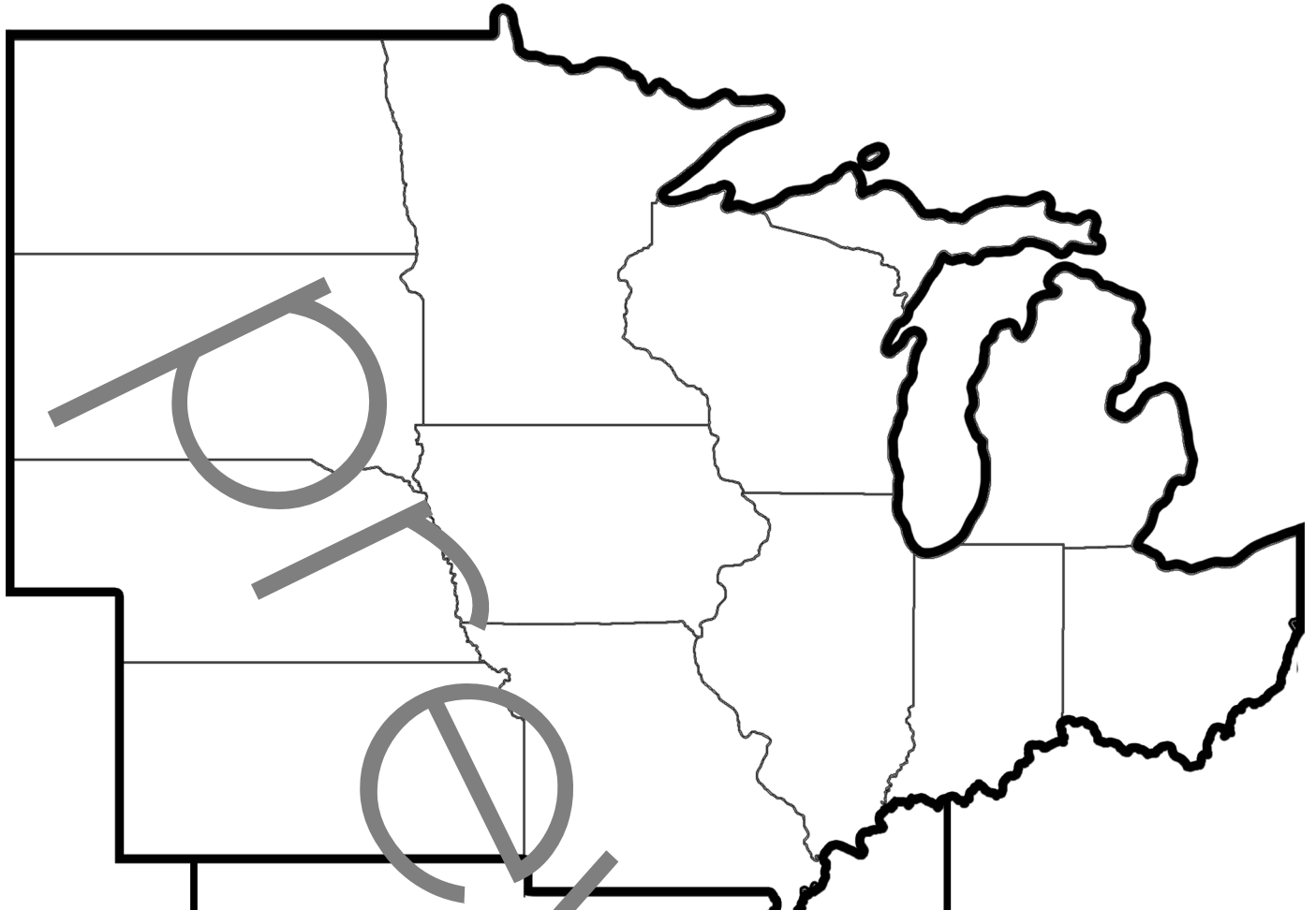
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# THE MIDWEST

Label the 12 states.

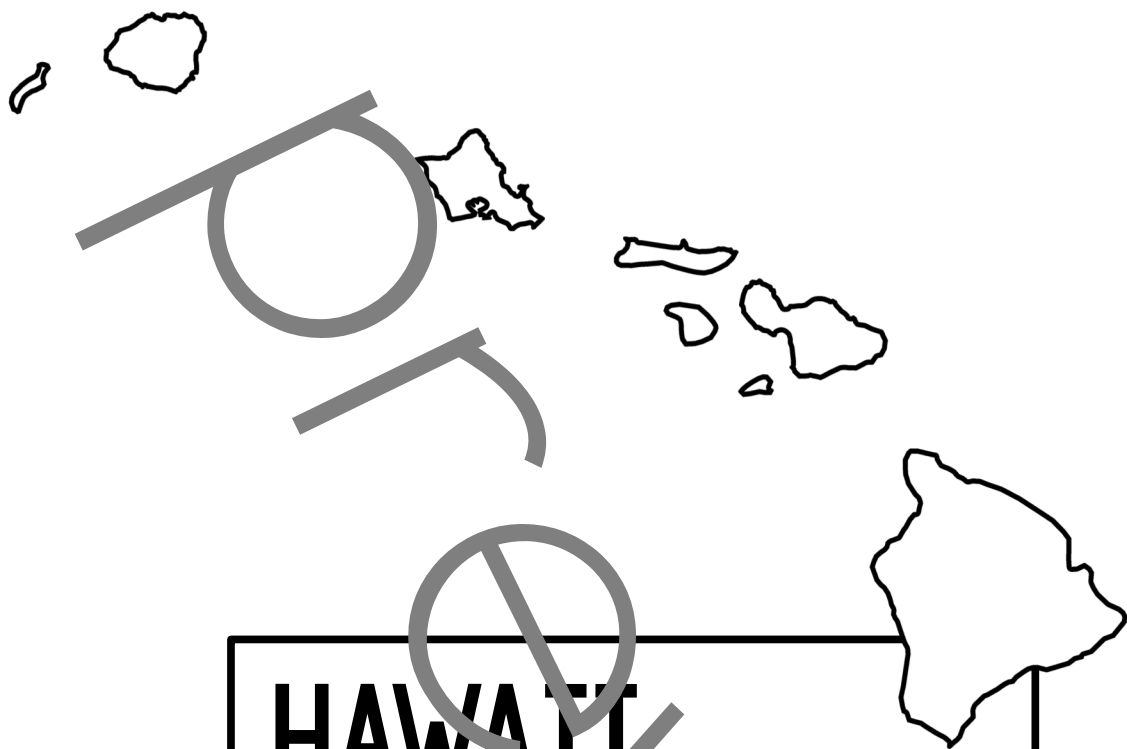
Climate:

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Geographical features:

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# HAWAII

Hawaii is in the \_\_\_\_\_  
region of the United States.

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Geographical features:

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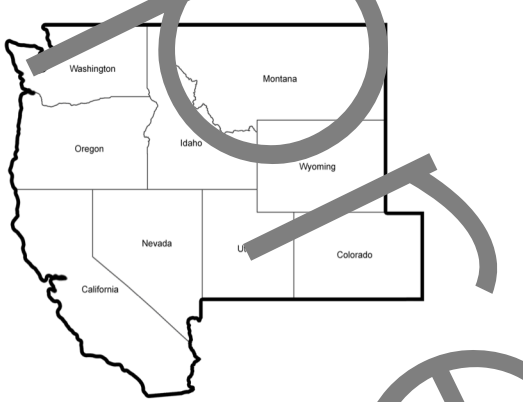


# NAME *the* REGION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

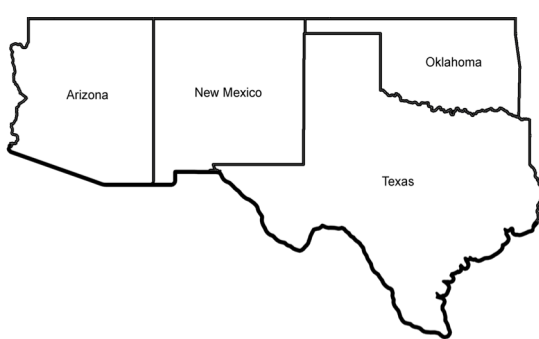
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**1**




REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**2**




REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**3**




REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**4**



REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**5**



REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

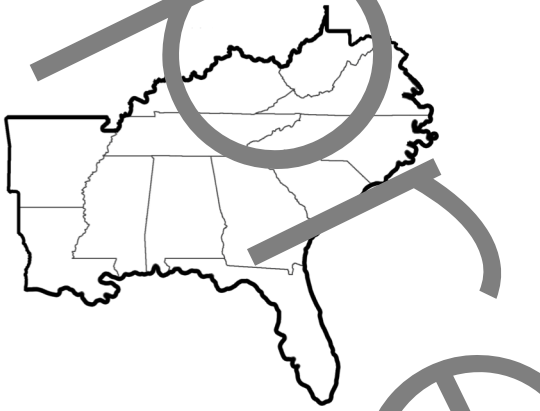


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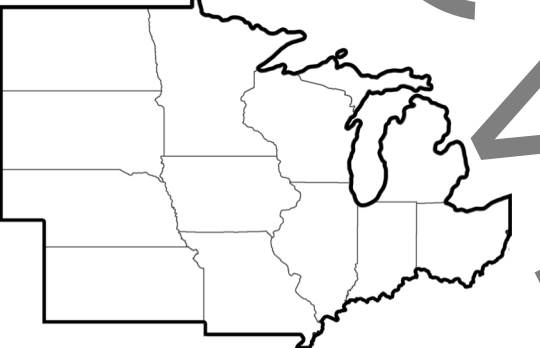
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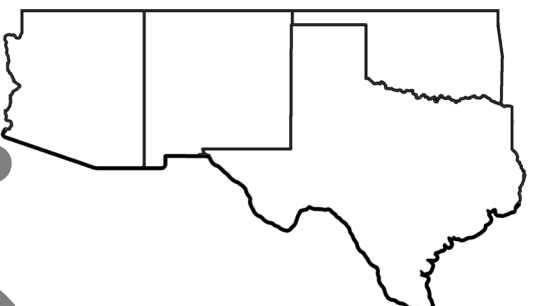
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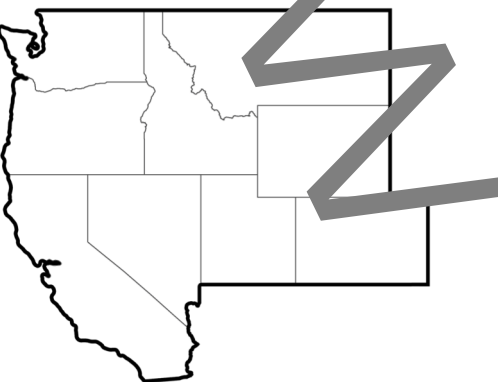
REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**4**



REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

**5**

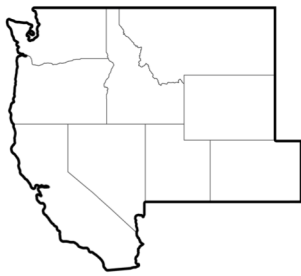
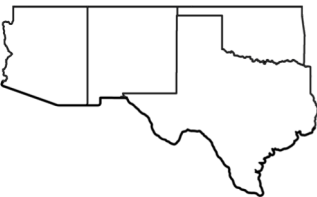



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REGION	STATES	CLIMATE	GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES
<p>THE WEST</p> 	<p>Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Nevada, California * Alaska &amp; Hawaii</p>	<p>A range of climates: hotter summers and milder winters along the CA coastline, semiarid and alpine in the mountains, desert climate in Nevada and parts of CA.</p>	<p>ANSWERS MAY VARY slightly: Rocky Mountains Sierra Nevada Mountains Mohave Desert Pacific Ocean Canada to the North &amp; Mexico to the South</p>
<p>THE SOUTHWEST</p> 	<p>Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona,</p>	<p>Semiarid in the west, humid in the east, desert climate in some areas of the western part of the region</p>	<p>ANSWERS MAY VARY slightly:  Rocky Mountains Colorado River Grand Canyon Gulf of Mexico</p>
<p>THE MIDWEST</p> 	<p>Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota</p>	<p>humid, snow in the winter</p>	<p>ANSWERS MAY VARY slightly:  Great Lakes Great Plains Mississippi River Canada to the North</p>