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Physical Features

## North America's Bodies of Water

North America is bordered by three oceans. They are the Pacific, Atlantic, and Arctic. However, there are also many seas, gulfs, and bays that surround North America. For example, the Caribbean Sea is a part of the Atlantic Ocean that surrounds the Caribbean islands in southeastern North America. The Gulf of California is a small sliver of the Pacific Ocean that separates Baja California from mainland Mexico. And the Hudson Bay is a portion of the northern Atlantic Ocean that cuts into Canada.

North America also contains several long rivers and large lakes. The Mississippi River system in the United States is one of the largest river systems in the world. It includes the Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio rivers. Lake Superior, one of the Great Lakes that separate the U.S. and Canada, is the largest freshwater lake on the planet.

- A.** Look at the map on the other page. Match each body of water below to the corresponding number on the map. Then label the body of water on the map.

1. Arctic Ocean      5. Gulf of California
2. Atlantic Ocean      6. Caribbean Sea
3. Pacific Ocean      7. Hudson Bay
4. Gulf of Mexico      8. Lake Superior

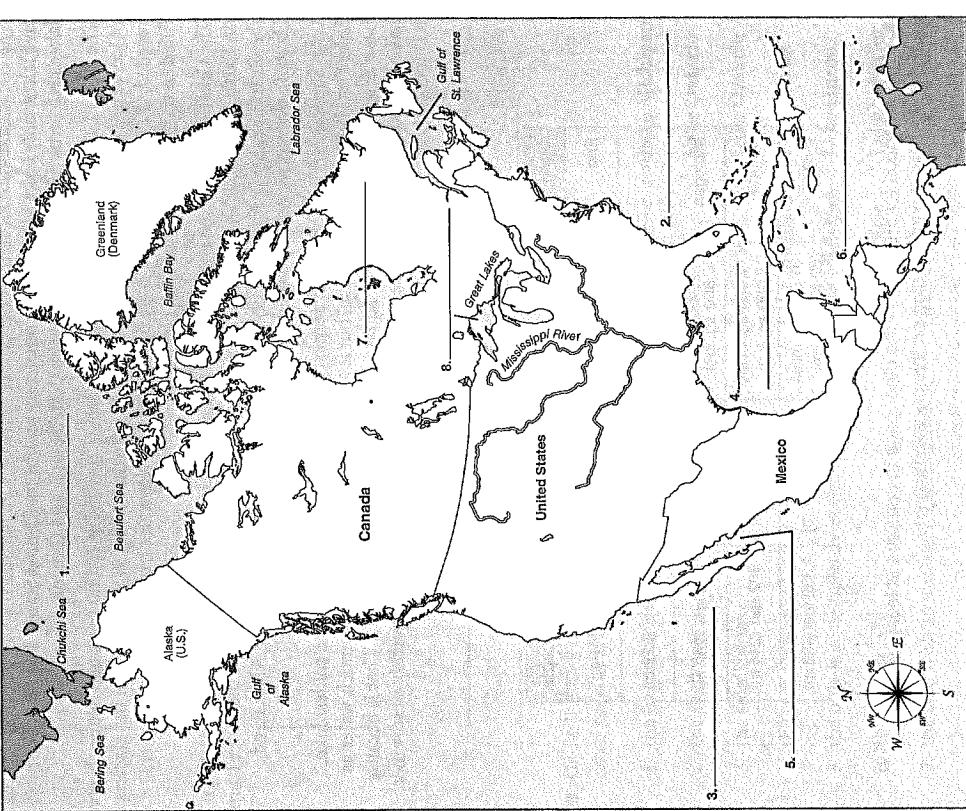
- B.** Use the information above and the map on the other page to answer the questions.

1. Which bay is farthest north?
2. Which body of water separates two areas of Mexico?
3. What ocean is the Caribbean Sea connected to?
4. What is the northernmost gulf in the United States?
5. Which bay separates Canada and Greenland?

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