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READING MAP LEGENDS

POLITICAL RELIEF MAPS

1. Use the Detailed Legend for the Political Relief Maps on page 6 to match the following symbols with what they represent.

Symbols

- a. Thick purple line •
- b. Thin, black dotted line •
- c. Blue capitalized type •
- d. Circled star •
- e. Tan-colored area •

Meanings

- State, province, or territory boundary
- Land beyond the subject area
- International boundary
- Ocean
- National capital

2. Use the Political Relief Map of the United States on pages 68-69 to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer under each question.

- a. Which river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico?
 Salt River Mississippi River Missouri River Rio Grande
- b. How many states border Wyoming?
 four five six seven
- c. Which city in Tennessee is the largest?
 Memphis Chattanooga Johnson City Knoxville

LAND COVER MAPS

3. Use the Land Cover Map of the United States on pages 70-71 to complete the following sentences.

- a. The land cover for almost all of Nevada is _____.
- b. The largest area of tundra is located in the state of _____.
- c. The land cover in Illinois is mostly _____.
- d. The land cover for the Great Plains is _____.
- e. Maine's primary land cover is _____.
- f. Northern Idaho's land cover is mostly _____.

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ELEVATION MAPS

4. Use the Elevation Map of the United States on pages 72-73 to answer the following questions.

- a. Which state has the lower elevation, Louisiana or Minnesota?

- b. Does Michigan's Upper Peninsula or the Alaska Peninsula have a higher elevation?

- c. Do most of the areas of semi-desert and desert in the United States have a high or low elevation? (Use the Land Cover Map on pages 70-71 with the Elevation Map.)

THEMATIC MAPS

5. Use the Precipitation, Climate, and Land Use maps on pages 104-105 to determine if the following statements are true or false. Write T in front of the sentence if it is true and F if it is false.

- a. _____ The areas that receive the least precipitation in Middle America are located in Mexico.
- b. _____ Cuba receives over 80 inches of precipitation per year.
- c. _____ Puerto Rico has a tropical rain forest climate.
- d. _____ Areas of Panama have a dry climate.
- e. _____ The primary land use in Honduras is forestry.
- f. _____ Most of Cuba's land is used for commercial farming.

6. Use the Energy Resources and Metals map and the Population map on pages 106-107 to complete the following sentences by underlining the correct words in parenthesis.

- a. Natural gas resources are more abundant in (Mexico, Cuba).
- b. Panama's resources include gold, copper, and (zinc, manganese).
- c. The population density of Puerto Rico is (100 to 250, over 250) per square mile.
- d. Grenada and Dominica are (more, less) densely populated than the Bahamas.