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The United States and Its Territories

The United States of America is a union of 50 states. The continental U.S. is made up of 48 states that occupy the central part of North America. Alaska, located northwest of Canada, and Hawaii, in the mid-Pacific Ocean, are the 49th and 50th states. In addition, the United States possesses five territories. Two of them, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, are located within the Caribbean region of North America. The other three territories are American Samoa, Guam, and the Midway Islands, which are located in the Pacific Ocean.

The 50 states can be grouped into six regions. They are the Pacific (including Alaska and Hawaii), Rocky Mountain, Southwest, North-Central, Southeast, and Northeast regions. Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, is located in the Southeast region.

A. Use the information above to complete the paragraph.

The United States is made up of 50 states. The country can be divided into

six _____. The _____ of the United

States, Washington, D.C., is located in the _____ region.

The states of _____ and _____ belong

to the _____ region and are not a part of the continental U.S.

The United States also has five _____, including Puerto Rico

and the _____, which are located in North America.

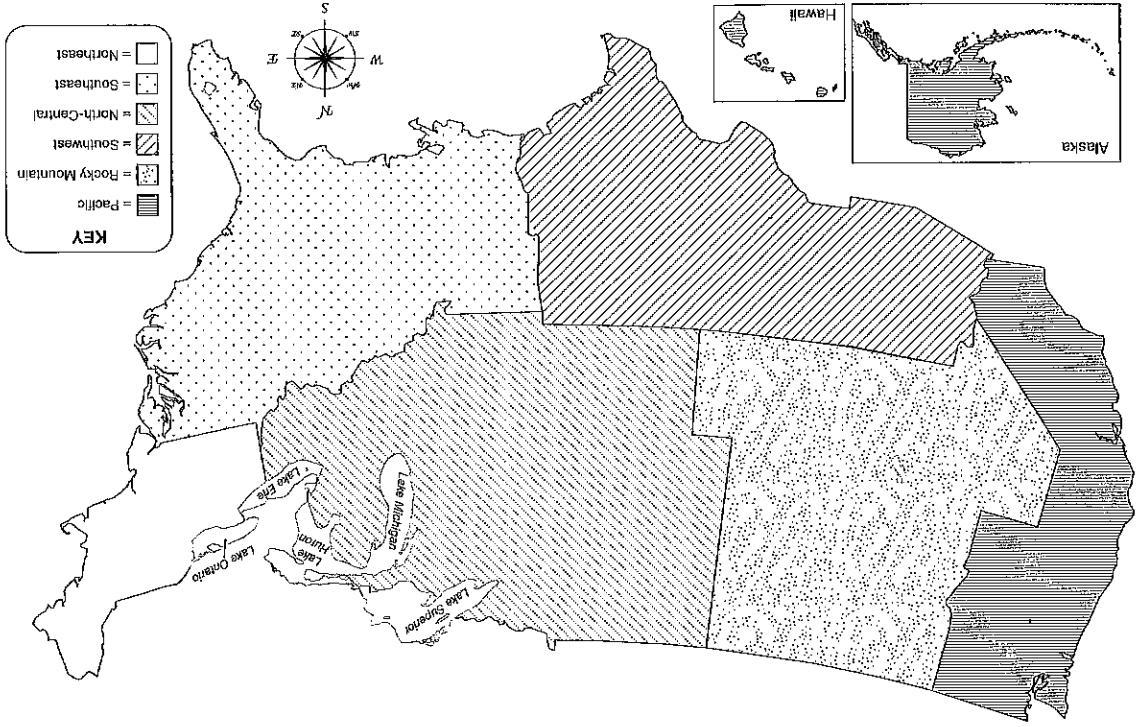
B. On the map on the other page, color each of the U.S. regions a different color. Then color the key to correctly match the map.

C. Use the map on the other page to answer the questions.

1. Which region is directly west of North-Central? _____
2. Which region is farthest to the west? _____
3. Which two regions contain the Great Lakes? _____
4. Which two regions border the Atlantic Ocean? _____



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