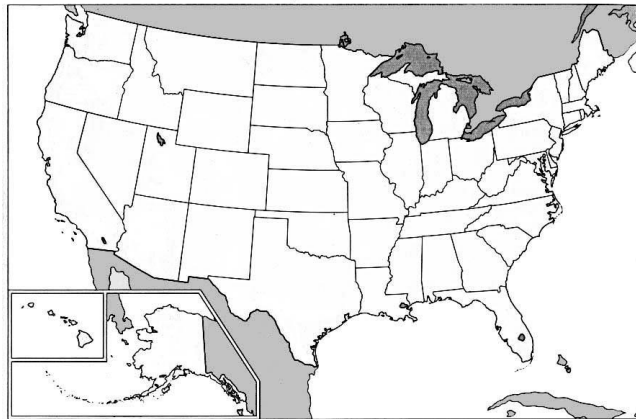


Geographic Terms and Locations

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*(you are not responsible for knowing all 50 states,
but it will help you to have an idea of their location...)*

- **Bay-** a body of fresh water that extends into land
- **Coast-** a rocky or sandy edge of land along a body of water
- **Continent-** one of the seven great land masses on Earth *North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, Antarctica is way below, and it is very cold. These are the seven continents, yes they are, I told you so!*
- **Gulf-** a large body of salt water that is partly enclosed by land
- **Island-** a piece of land that is surrounded by water
- **Isthmus-** a narrow strip of land, bordered on both sides by water, connecting two larger bodies of land
- **Lake-** an inland body of water
- **Ocean-** the body of salt water that covers most of the Earth

- Peninsula- an area of land that is nearly surrounded by water
- Plain- a large, low area of flat or rolling land with few trees
- Plateau- land that is high and flat on top
- River- a flowing body of water
- Strait- a narrow body of water that connects two larger bodies of water
- Tributary- a stream flowing into a larger body of water



- **Atlantic Coastal Plain-** a relatively flat landform extending from New York southward to Georgia/Florida. This area is generally wet, including many rivers, marsh and swampland.
- **Great Plains-** an area of land made up of prairies/grasslands which lie west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains.
- **Continental Divide-** the line that divides the flow of water between the Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean. Rain and snow that drains on the east side of the Continental Divide flows toward the Atlantic Ocean while precipitation on the west side drains and flows toward the Pacific Ocean.
- **Great Basin-** a desert region of the western United States having no drainage to the ocean.
- **Death Valley-** a desert area in California and Nevada, it is the lowest, hottest and driest area in the United States.
- **Gulf of Mexico-** it is the 9th largest body of water in the world. It is a partially landlocked ocean basin surrounded by the North American continent and the island of Cuba.
- **St. Lawrence River-** a large river that connects the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean
- **Great Lakes-** a collection of freshwater seas located in eastern North America, on the Canada- United States border (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior)