

# Landforms in the United States and Canada

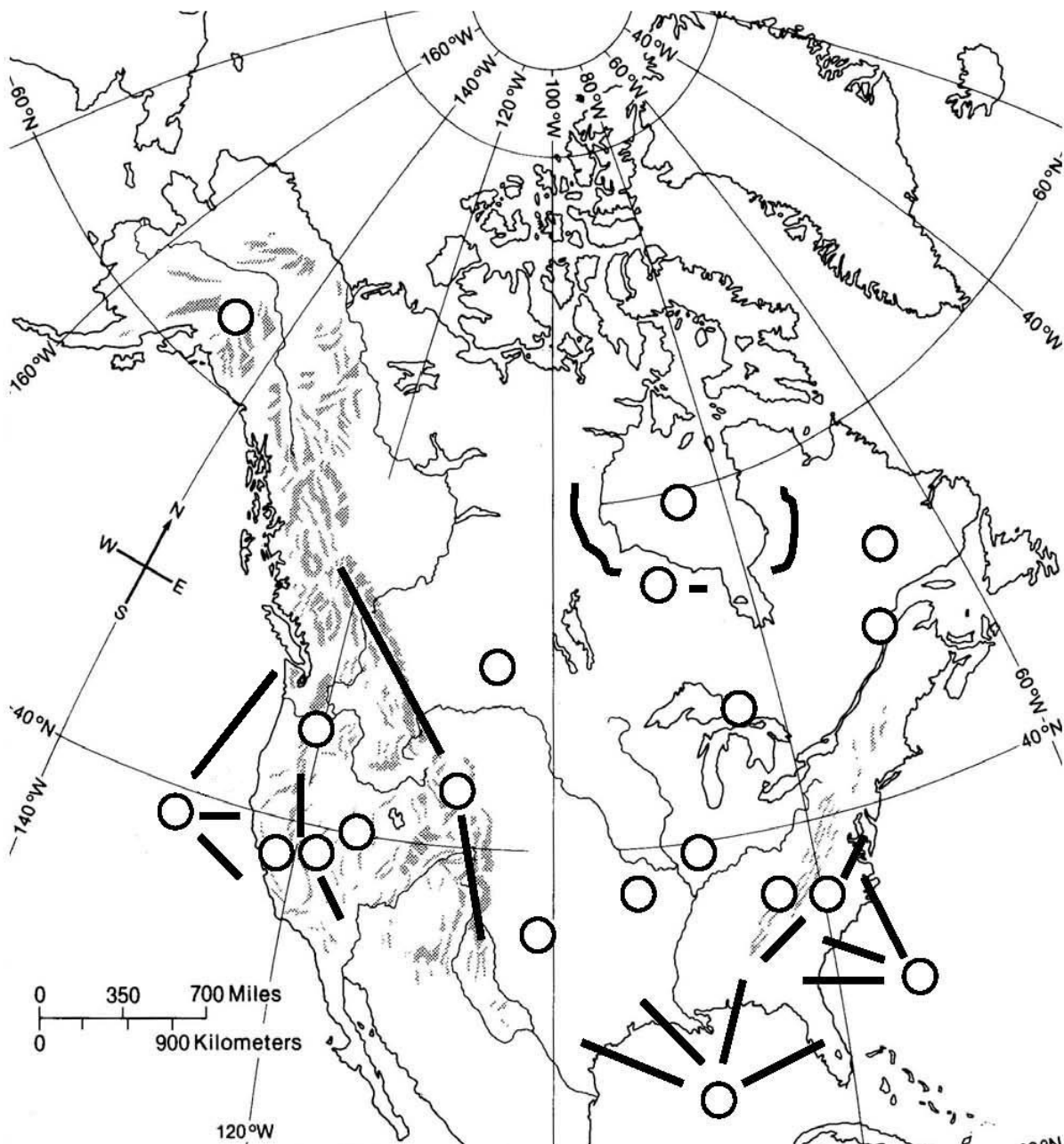
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Directions:

1. Obtain postcards from your teacher. Examine the pictures and decode the messages to determine which landforms are being described. Match each landform to the description on the other side of this sheet. Fill in the name of the landform next to the appropriate description. Each postcard is also numbered (notice the small number in the bottom left hand corner). Fill in the column labeled # with the number of the feature on the postcard.

2. Using the class atlas (pages 40-41, 52-53) and your textbook (page 129) find the location of the landforms you have identified on the postcards. Label each dot on the map below with the numbers from the postcards (a few have been done for you). When all landforms have been identified by number, connect the dots from 1-20.



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#	Landforms	Description
		These young, jagged mountains extend all the way from Mexico to Canada
		Stereotyped as "hillbillies," these low mountains are located in the Arkansas/Missouri area and are surrounded by the Central Plains
		Extending from Alabama to Canada, the tallest peak on these old worn down mountains is only 6,000 feet, they have very few passes, act as a barrier to the interior, and run northeast to southwest
		Vast region in Canada just north of the Great Plains in the United States--What the plains are called in Canada
		Connects all the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, part of this feature is man-made to overcome obstacles such as waterfalls
		Plains that go around the Gulf of Mexico, all the way from Texas to Florida, home to many oil fields, this area is pretty flat and humid
		This very large body of water located in Canada was discovered by explorers looking for a northwest passage to Asia, freezes in the winter
		Fairly flat, wooded area located between the Atlantic Ocean and the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and extending from Georgia to New York
		These young jagged mountains are made of granite and are home to Lake Tahoe, the Giant Sequoias (world's largest living trees), Yosemite National Park and the highest point in the 48 states, Mount Whitney (14,492 ft). Members of the Donner Party died here
		Located in Oregon, Washington and Northern California, these green, snow-capped mountains are made up of several volcanoes, some active (Mt. St. Helens) and some extinct (Mt. Rainier and Crater Lake)
		Foothills of the Appalachians extending from Alabama to New York, these rolling hills have many waterfalls and is where many of the important cities were built for energy and protection, such as the city of Baltimore
		This is the flattest area in the US extending from Texas all the way up into Canada and is higher and dryer than the Central Plains, much of this area is used for growing wheat and is also where the buffalo used to roam
		Located around the Mississippi River area, these gentle rolling hills drain the interior of the continent and are used in large part to grow corn (Corn Belt)
		Named after the St. Lawrence River, these old worn down mountains are located in eastern Canada
		This horseshoe shaped mountain range is home to the tallest mountains in North America, Mount McKinley (20,320 ft) and is covered in glaciers
		This vast u-shaped area that surrounds the Hudson Bay is made up of barren rock that has been exposed by glacial erosion
		The bowl-like area between the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains never drains into the ocean, yet has several mountain ranges, contains the lowest point in North America (Death Valley--282 ft below sea level), Dry due to the rain shadow effect.
		Looking the Pacific Ocean towards North America it is the first feature that you see beyond the beaches, running from Mexico to Alaska, this feature is made up of rolling hills, mountains and cliffs
		This area is located in California and stretches 400 miles long (longer than the state of Utah), it is one of the most productive agricultural valleys in the world growing such things as grapes, strawberries, and almonds, it is found between the Coastal Range and the Sierra Nevada Mountains
		These were formed by glaciers and are located in the northern part of the US, some of these lakes are lower than sea level, but all the lakes are connected to each other