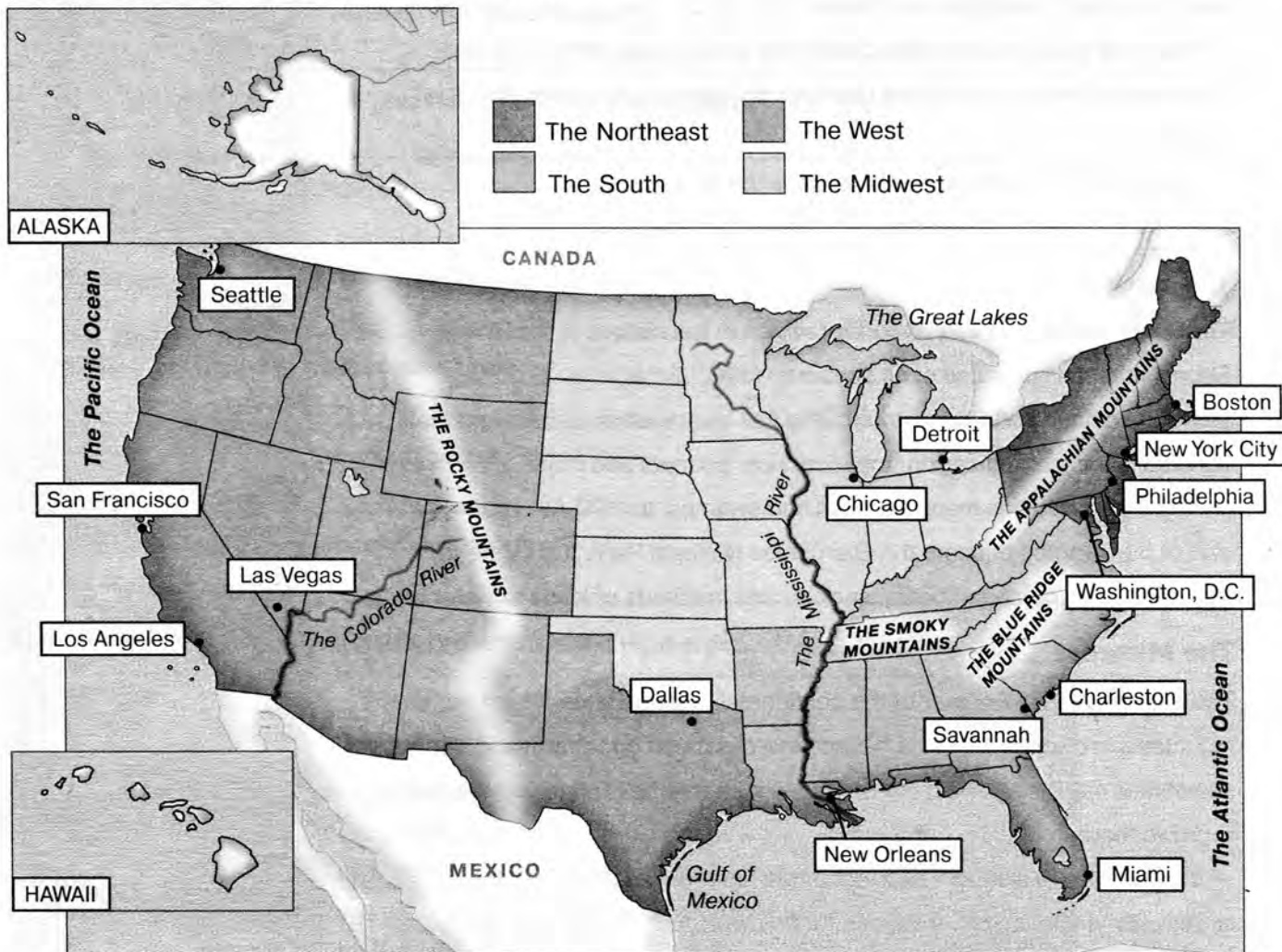


UNIT 4 Stars and stripes

Lesson 1 From CA to the NY Island

1a Study the map, read and complete the text.



GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES

The continental United States is very large. It stretches from the (1) _____ Ocean in the east to the (2) _____ Ocean in the west. This is about 4,800 kilometres. To the north of the United States is (3) _____; to the south is (4) _____.

There are 50 states in the United States. Forty-nine of these states are on the North American continent, but (5) _____ is not. It is a group of eight islands in the middle of the (6) _____ Ocean. (7) _____ is on the North American continent, but it is separated from the other 48 states.

The continental states fall into four regions: the Northeast, the South, the Midwest, and the West. Each of these regions has special features.

separated ['sepəreɪtɪd] — отделен
settlers — переселенцы
marsh [mɑːʃ] — болото (покрытое травой и мелким кустарником)
swamp [swɒmp] — болото (часто покрытое водой)

The Northeast

When the first European settlers came, they settled in the Northeast region first.

There are many large cities in the Northeast: (8) _____,

New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

New York is one of the largest cities in the world. Large companies and corporations from many different countries do business from their offices in New York.

The most important mountain range is the (9) _____. It begins in Canada and continues to Alabama in the South.

The South

The South has been a very important region in the history of the United States, first of all because of its seaports: (10) _____, Miami, Savannah and Charleston. It also has a very warm climate and ideal conditions for growing cotton, tobacco, rice, peanuts and fruit.

The South also has many marshes and swamps. In 1947 the southwestern part of the swamps became the Everglades National Park. It is home to alligators, deer, panthers, bears, snakes, and hundreds of kinds of water birds.

The Midwest

The Midwest is in the center of the continental United States. There are no mountains in the Midwest. It is flat and there is much good farmland. Americans sometimes call the Midwest the breadbasket because of all the wheat that is grown there.

The Midwest is also an important industrial region. (11) _____, largest city in this region, is famous for its meat-packing industry. Many US cars are made in Detroit.

The four Great Lakes make up the largest body of fresh water in the world. The (12) _____ River, the greatest river in the United States, flows through this region. It starts in Minnesota and runs into the (13) _____.

The West

The West is the largest region. There are many important cities in the West: (14) _____, San Francisco, Seattle, Las Vegas, and Dallas.

The West is famous for its many mountains. The most famous are the (15) _____ Mountains. The West has many national parks. One of the most famous is the Grand Canyon formed by the (16) _____ River. Because of the national parks, people from all over the world come to the West to take their vacations.



1b Write the answers to the questions.

1 How many countries are there on the North American continent?

2 Why do they call the Midwest the "breadbasket"?

3 What is the name of the greatest river in the United States?

4 Which state is the smallest?

5 Why do many people take their vacations in the West?

6 How many islands does Hawaii have?

7 Where did the first European settlers come to?

8 Why is the South economically important?

2 Number the parts of this holiday postcard in the right order.

A ☐

Today we're in the Everglades. We got here last night.

B ☐

Natalie XXX

C ☐

This place looks exactly like the picture on the postcard.

It's full of all kinds of water birds. They're fantastic. We were lucky birders and saw a short-tailed hawk sail high above other birds. I guess it was about to pick up some lunch.

I must come here again.

D ☐

Hi, Jake!

E ☐

Love,



hawk [hɔ:k] — ястреб
sail — зд. парить

3 Make one sentence out of two.

Example: Lisa ate an orange. I saw her. — I saw her eat an orange.

1 Your cat jumped from the fifth floor. I saw it.

2 The window broke. I heard it.

3 Nick walked his dog in the park. I watched him.

4 The baby cried. I heard him.
