

Region Detectives

Read closely to identify the five U.S. regions.

SS.3.G.2.2 "Identify the five regions of the United States."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the first paragraph, underline each of the five region names. Number them 1 through 5 in the order they appear to show the groups used to organize the United States.

Five Ways to Group the States

- ① The United States is often grouped into five large regions. A region is an area whose states share location and some features. Learning regions helps people describe where places are. The five regions are the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West. A state belongs to one of these groups when people use this five-region way of organizing the country.
- ② The Northeast is in the upper eastern part of the country. It includes states near the Atlantic Ocean, such as Maine and New York. The Southeast is below the Northeast. Florida and Georgia are in the Southeast. These regions have coasts, but they also have busy cities, farms, forests, and many different kinds of weather during the year.
- ③ The Midwest is in the central part of the country. Illinois and Kansas are Midwest states. The Southwest is south of the Midwest and west of the Southeast. Arizona and New Mexico are in the Southwest. The West reaches the Pacific Ocean and includes California and Washington. Each region has its own places, yet all five regions are parts of the United States.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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What are the five regions of the United States?

2

Maine and New York are in which region?

3

Which region includes Arizona and New Mexico?

4

Which region is in the central part of the country?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Complete the table with all five regions. For each region, write one state that was not named in the passage.

REGION	A STATE NOT NAMED IN THE PASSAGE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In the first paragraph, underline each of the five region names. Number them 1 through 5 in the order they appear to show the groups used to organize the United States. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are the five regions of the United States?	Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West.
2	Maine and New York are in which region?	The Northeast.
3	Which region includes Arizona and New Mexico?	The Southwest.
4	Which region is in the central part of the country?	The Midwest.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

REGION	A STATE NOT NAMED IN THE PASSAGE
Northeast	Pennsylvania
Southeast	Alabama
Midwest	Iowa
Southwest	Texas
West	Oregon

Accept the five region names in any order. For the table, accept any correctly placed state that was not named in the passage and fits the five-region grouping.