**Sea to Shining Sea**

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Geography Skills

United States Geography 1607-1870



To fully understand our history it is important to understand the geography of the regions that are being settled. You will practice your skills as a cartographer and see what we will study this year with the founding and growth of our country. Following the time periods that we will study, you will show important locations and physical features on your map.

Your map must include the following:

1. **Map Key**- Indicate colors on the key provided at the bottom of the page.
2. **Compass**- Draw your own anywhere on the page and label the directions.
3. **Colonial Period**—this period showed the exploration and colonization of the eastern part of the United States.

**Label** the following:

1. Shade the region known as the **Coastal Plains** (also called the **Atlantic Costal Plains**)
2. Water features: **Atlantic Ocean** and the **Great Lakes**
3. Important Cities:
   1. **Jamestown**—first permanent settlement in the United States
   2. **Plymouth**—this is where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.
4. **Revolutionary Period**—this period involves the colonies declaring their independence from Great Britain (England).

**Label** the following:

1. Physical Features—**Appalachian Mountains**
2. Water Features—**Gulf of Mexico**
3. Important Cities:
   1. **Boston**—this is where the Boston Tea Party took place
   2. **Yorktown**—this was the last battle of the American Revolution
   3. **New York City**—this city was an important trade center then and now
4. **Constitution Period**—this period involves the creation of our country following the Revolutionary war when we gained our independence from Great Britain.

**Label** the following:

1. Shade the region known as the **Great Plains** (or **Interior Plains**) and *indicate the color* *on the key*.
2. Water Features: **Mississippi River**
3. Important Cities:
   1. **Philadelphia**—this city is where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were written.
4. **New Nation**—this period involves the beginning of our republic as the early presidents strengthen the federal government and we begin to expand as a nation.

**Label** the following:

1. Water Feature: **Missouri River**
2. Important Cities:
   1. **Washington D.C.—**becomes our Nation’s Capital
   2. **New Orleans**—Control of this port is important for trade and expansion
   3. **St. Louis**—Lewis and Clark will begin their two year exploration of the Louisiana Purchase from this city.
3. **Westward Expansion**—this period involved the growth of our country across the continent to fulfill Manifest Destiny.

**Label** the following:

1. Shade the region known as the **Pacific Coast**, **Mountains and Basins Region** and *indicate the color* on the key.
2. Physical Features: **Rocky Mountains**
3. Water Features: **Great Salt Lake**, **Pacific Ocean** and **Rio Grande River**
4. Important Cities:
   1. **Santa Fe**—City at the end of the Santa Fe trail for American pioneers and cowboys
   2. **Salt Lake City**—city built by the Mormons who were forced west because of religious persecution.
   3. **San Francisco**—city grew as a result of the California Gold Rush.
5. **Civil War**—this period involves a conflict between the Northern States and Southern States.

**Label** the following:

1. Important Cities:
   1. **Richmond**—Confederate capital city
   2. **Atlanta**—Confederate city in the way of Sherman’s March to the Sea
   3. **Gettysburg**—turning point battle of the Civil War