

Comparing U.S. Regions

Grade 5 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students compare the Northeast, South, Midwest, and West using geographic, economic, climatic, and cultural characteristics. • Standards: D2.Geo.2.3-5

Read each question carefully and write the region or regions that best match the description. Choose from Northeast, South, Midwest, or West.

1. Which region contains the Rocky Mountains?
2. Which region is known for having many dairy farms, including Wisconsin, the state nicknamed 'America's Dairyland'?
3. Which region generally has the warmest winters and longest growing season?
4. Which region includes states along the Atlantic coast where many early European settlements were established?
5. Which region contains large areas of flat grasslands that are ideal for growing corn and wheat?
6. Which region has many technology companies located near the Pacific coast and contains desert areas in some states?
7. Which region historically relied heavily on cotton farming and still has agriculture as an important part of its economy?
8. Which region has the smallest land area but contains several large cities with high population density?
9. A factory owner wants to ship products by water to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico using rivers. Which region's river systems would allow this?
10. A region has varied climates including rainy coastal areas, dry deserts, and snowy mountains, with time zones that differ from the East Coast. Which region is this?

Answer Key — Comparing U.S. Regions

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. West
2. Midwest (*Wisconsin is in the Midwest.*)
3. South
4. Northeast
5. Midwest
6. West
7. South
8. Northeast
9. Midwest (*The Mississippi River system in the Midwest connects to both the Gulf of Mexico and, through the Great Lakes and canals, to the Atlantic Ocean.*)
10. West (*The West has the greatest climate variety due to its large size and diverse landforms, and it spans multiple time zones west of the East Coast.*)