

Skills Handbook Challenge

Use the map on pages RA2 and RA3 to answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the only part of the United States located in the Southern Hemisphere?

American Samoa

2. What is its absolute location?

15°S, 165°W

3. Which part of the United States is closest to South America? U.S. Virgin Islands

Use the map on pages RA7 to answer the following questions.

4. List the absolute location of the highest mountain in the United States.

63°N, 150°W

5. Describe the relative location of the Great Basin in the United States.

East of Sierra Nevada; West of the Rocky Mountains;  
South of the Columbia Plateau; North of the Colorado River

6. Which physical region is bigger; the High Plains or the Great Plains? How can you know?

Great Plains; The words stretch further on the map

Use the map on page 109 and other maps of the United States and Canada to answer the following questions.

7. Which two landform regions in the United States contain the most coal?

The Rocky Mountains + Appalachian mountains

8. Explain why there is little to no economic activities different parts of the United States and Canada.

The land is too dry, too swampy. Too rugged for farming, grazing, or for people to live there

Now use the map on page 135 to answer the questions:

9. When did the land where we live in Minnesota become part of the United States?

1803

(look very carefully!) - We are located West of the Mississippi River

Look at the graph on page 147.

10. The United States has how many times more Internet users than India?

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11. Why do you think the United States has many more Internet users even though they have about one-fourth of India's population?

The USA is more developed and has higher technology. India lacks the infrastructure for widespread technology. Many people in India are poor and cannot afford computers.

Directions: Answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Hemispheres: Pages RA2 and RA3

1. Which two hemispheres is the United States in? N W
2. Which two hemispheres is Australia in? S E
3. Most of South America is in which two hemispheres? S W

Location: Pages RA2 and RA3- Use the words "latitude" and "longitude" to complete each sentence

4. Lines of latitude go east to west
5. The equator is 0 degrees latitude
6. Lines of longitude go north to south
7. The prime meridian is 0 degrees longitude

Circle the correct word to make the statement true

8. Degrees of latitude {decrease} {increase} as you go farther from the equator.
9. Degrees of latitude {decrease} {increase} as you go closer to the equator.
10. Degrees of longitude {decrease} {increase} as you go closer to the prime meridian.
11. Degrees of longitude {decrease} {increase} as you go further from the prime meridian.

Use the map on page RA22 to list the country that is located at the following coordinates:

12. 20°N, 30°E Sudan
13. 20°N, 10°W Mauritania
14. 20°S, 25°E Botswana
15. 10°N, 40°E Ethiopia

Parts of a Map:

16. According to the map on page 93, which region of the world produces and consumes the most energy? USA/Canada
17. According to the map on page 109, which part of the United States contains the most copper? SW
18. According to the map on page 109, which type of land use is common in Minnesota? Commercial farming
19. Use the map on page RA8 to estimate the length of Kansas from west to east in miles. 400
20. On the same map, find out how far it is from Minneapolis to Miami, Florida. 1500 miles