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Regional Geography: Midwest USA

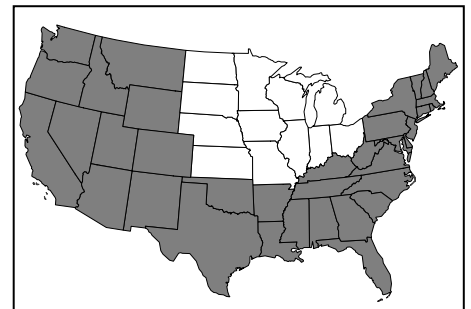
As you learn about the geographic features, climate, resources, and people of the Midwest region, answer the questions on back, then complete this map and key.

Directions:

1. Locate, name, and lightly color the states of the Midwest region.
2. Locate and label these cities: **Chicago, Cleveland, Des Moines, Detroit, Fargo, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Omaha, Rapid City, St. Louis, Wichita**
3. Use your Atlas to locate and then draw in these bodies of water: **the Great Lakes (Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron), Ohio River, Mississippi River, Missouri River**
4. Create icons on the key below to represent cities, resources, industries, and points of interest.
5. Place icons on the map where appropriate



<i>Key</i>	
Major City	Iron Ore
River/Lake	Cattle Ranching
Wheat	Tornado Alley
Corn	Mount Rushmore
Dairy	Sears Tower



What two smaller regions make up the Midwest Region?

What landform dominates the Midwest? How was it formed?

Why can't farmers leave their farms for long periods of time?

What is the advantage to having the Midwest's biggest cities on major waterways?

What is a *river system*, and what are *tributaries*?

What is dug in Midwest *quarries* (like the one just down the street) and what is it used for?

What is the "lake effect" on weather?

What kinds of extreme, dangerous weather is the Midwest prone to (name at least **three**)?