



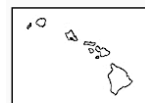
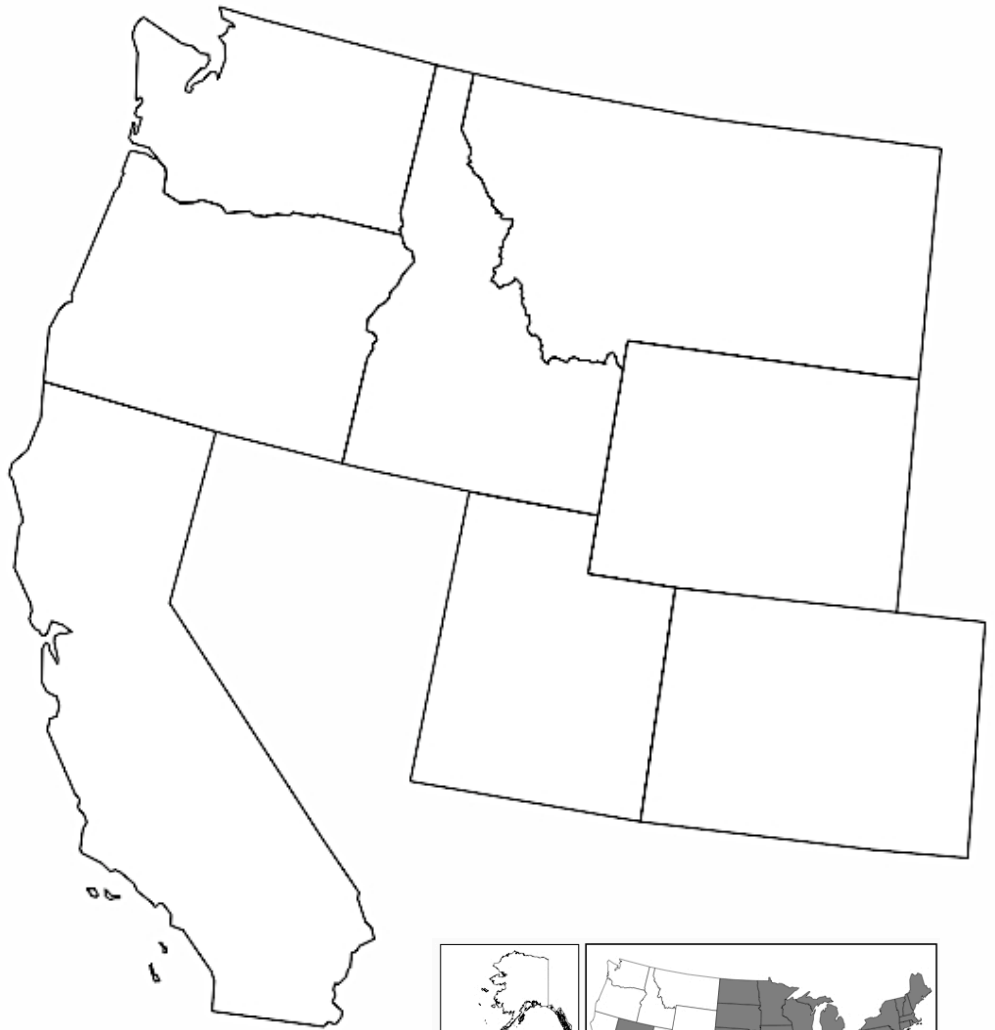
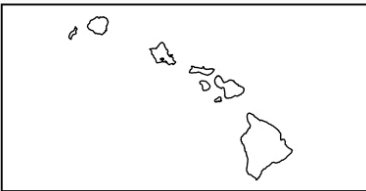
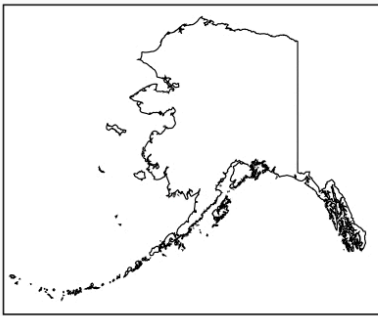
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Regional Geography: the West USA

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

Directions:

1. Locate, name, and lightly color the **states** of the West region. Also locate the **Aleutian Islands**.
2. Draw in and label **Mt. McKinley** and **Death Valley**. Also draw in and label the **Rocky Mountains**, the **Sierra-Nevada Mountains**, and the **Cascade Mountains**.
3. Locate and name these cities: **Anchorage, Boise, Cheyenne, Denver, Helena, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle**.
4. Use your Atlas to locate and then draw in these bodies of water: **Pacific Ocean, Great Salt Lake, Columbia River, and Puget Sound**.
5. Create icons on the key below to represent cities, resources, industries, and points of interest.
6. Place icons on the map where appropriate.



Key

Major City

Mountains

River/Lake

Oil & Gold

Salmon Fishing

Potatoes

Apples

Pineapples

Hollywood

Old Faithful

What two smaller regions make up the region known as the West?

Because much of Alaska is north of the Arctic Circle, what natural phenomenon happens six months out of the year there?

What are the purposes of building dams on rivers in this region?

In areas in the West with a hot, dry climate, what is a common but dangerous occurrence?

What causes earthquakes?

Name three Western U.S. states that have volcanoes in them.
Extra credit if you can **name** one volcano in each!

What are the lowest and highest points of elevation in the United States?

What is a national park? Name two.