US Geography Basics

- Third largest country in the world.
- Half the size of Russia.
- One third the size of Africa.
- Half the size of South America.
- 2 ½ times the size of Western Europe.

Regions & Time Zones of the U.S.

Topography
Topography of the US

The Contour of the US

A Cross Section of the United States

New York, New York!
New York's Canals

Erie Canal

Boston: The Hotbed of Revolution

Philadelphia: The Birth of Liberty
A New England Fall

Kancamagus Highway, Maine

The back roads of Vermont

Covered Bridge over the Connecticut River

North-South Divide:
The Mason-Dixon Line

Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon: 1763-1767

Topography of the Southeast

Charleston, SC: The South's First Port

The South: Physical- Political
New Orleans, LA: The Big Easy

Topography of the Midwest

Chicago Skyline: The “Second” City

The Great Plains
Topography of the West

Los Angeles: The City of Angels?

Hollywood: City of Lost Dreams

Bodies of Water
The Mississippi: America's Great River Road

- The "Big Muddy".
- 2,350 miles.
- Draining all or part of 31 states & 2 Canadian provinces.
- Covers 40% of the U.S.
Great Mississippi Flood, 1993:

- St. Louis, MO before the flood
- St. Louis, MO during the flood
- St. Louis, MO after the flood

Great Salt Lake

- 2000 square miles.
- 10’ – 28’ deep.
- 6 times saltier than the oceans.

Lake Okeechobee, FL

The Gulf of Mexico
The Continental Divide

Grand Canyon

The Great Plains

Plains
Plateaus

- Cumberland Plateau & "Gap"
- AL, KY, TN, VA, WV
- 24,640 sq. mi.
- Natural passage [Gap] through the Cumberland Mts.

Deserts

- Mohave Desert ~ 3,000'
- Mohave Desert
- Death Valley
- Pacific Ocean
Death Valley, CA

- 3.3 million acres.
- 95% wilderness.

Completed Map

The United States and Canada: Economic Activity and Resources

Climate
U. S. Population as of August 22, 2003

291,860,161

- One birth every 8 seconds.
- One death every 13 seconds.
- One international migrant (net) every 22 seconds.
- Net gain of one person every 10 seconds.


Linguistic Map

Geographic Problems
Seismography Data: 1977-1997

Tornadoes Per Year: 1950-1997

Earthquakes!

Hurricane Camille: The Storm of the Century
- August 17, 1969
- Category 5
- Killed 412 people

Andrew: The Most Expensive Hurricane
- August 24, 1992
- Category 5
- Killed 65 people
- Cost $30,000,000,000
The Geographic Diversity of America!

US National Parks (1)
- Glacier National Park, MT
- Grand Teton National Park, WY
- Mt. Rushmore National Park, SD

US National Parks (2)
- Everglades National Park, FL
- Yellowstone National Park, MT
- Grand Canyon National Park, AZ
US National Parks (3)

Yosemite National Park, CA

Natural Bridges National Park, UT

Acadia National Park, ME