



**Social Studies Virtual Learning**

# **4th Grade U.S. Regions**

**April 7th, 2020**



4th Grade Social Studies  
Lesson: **April 7th, 2020**

**Learning Target:**

Students will locate and describe the West and Southwest regions of the United States.

# Background:

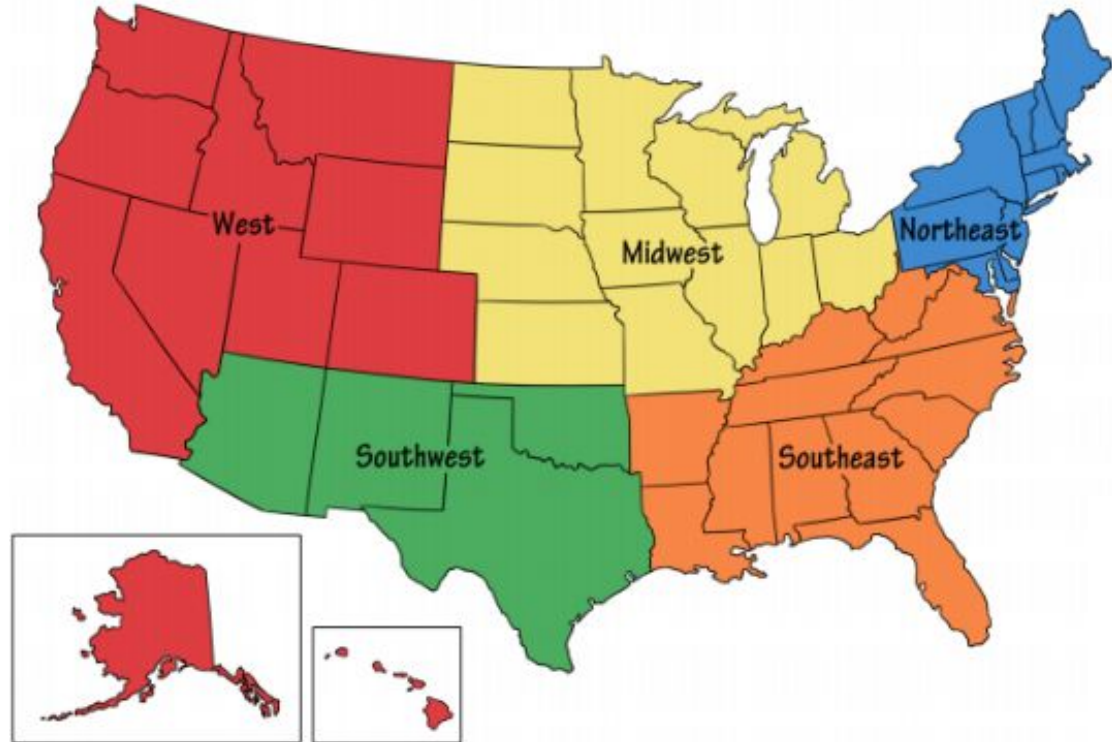
*This is a review lesson from Quarter 1 of Fourth Grade.*

- In 2nd grade, students learn to **read and construct maps.**
- In 3rd grade, students learn to **identify major cities, rivers, and regions of Missouri.**
- In 4th grade, students learn to **name and locate specific regions, states, capitals, river systems, and mountain ranges in the U.S.**

# Let's get started!

**Recall** from yesterday that there are 5 regions in the United States. Review them here. →

**Today, you will learn about 2 regions:** West and Southwest. First, watch [The West Video](#). Then, watch [The Southwest Video](#).



# Guided Practice:

1. Which number marks the **West** region of the U.S. on the map?



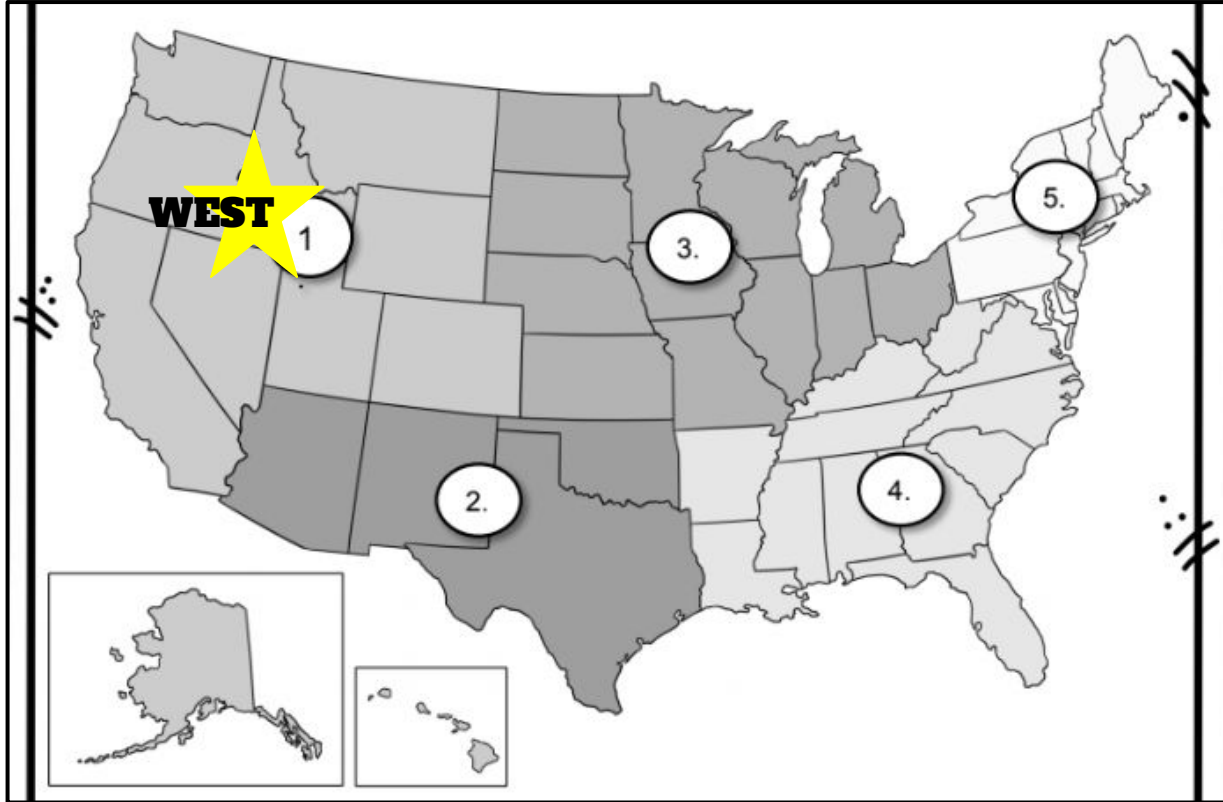
## HINT:

Use the directions on the compass rose to point you in the right direction.



# Guided Practice:

1. Which number marks the **West** region of the U.S. on the map?



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# Guided Practice:

2. Which number marks the **Southwest** region of the U.S. on the map?



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# Guided Practice:

2. Which number marks the **Southwest** region of the U.S. on the map?



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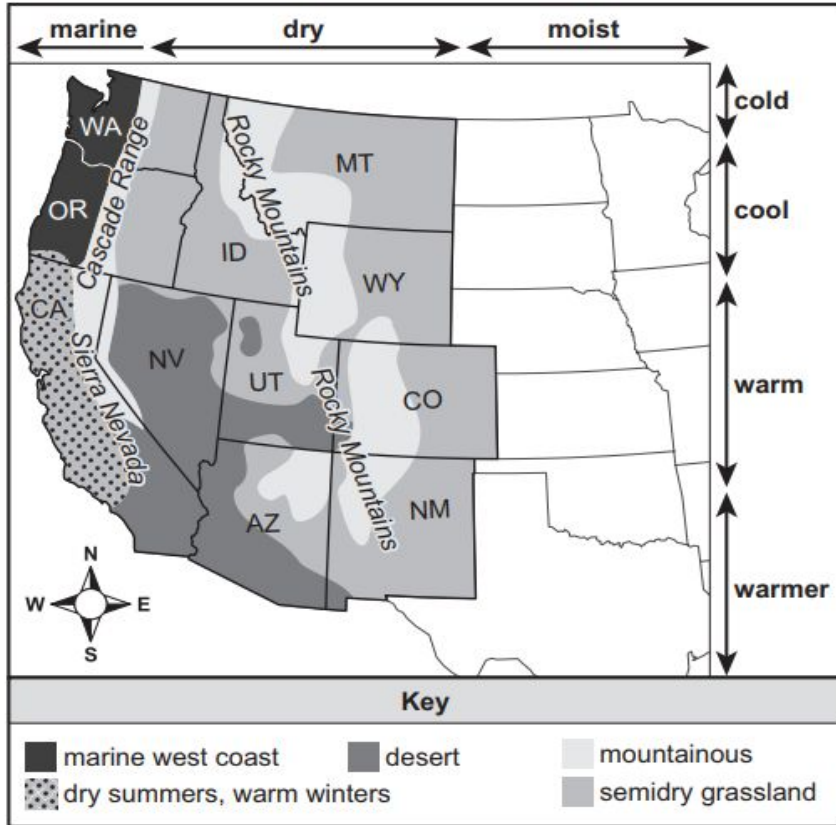
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# Guided Practice:

Climatic Zones of the Western United States



*\*This map includes states in the West region and two states in the Southwest region.*

**Use the map to answer the following:**

3. Which state has the largest amount of desert?

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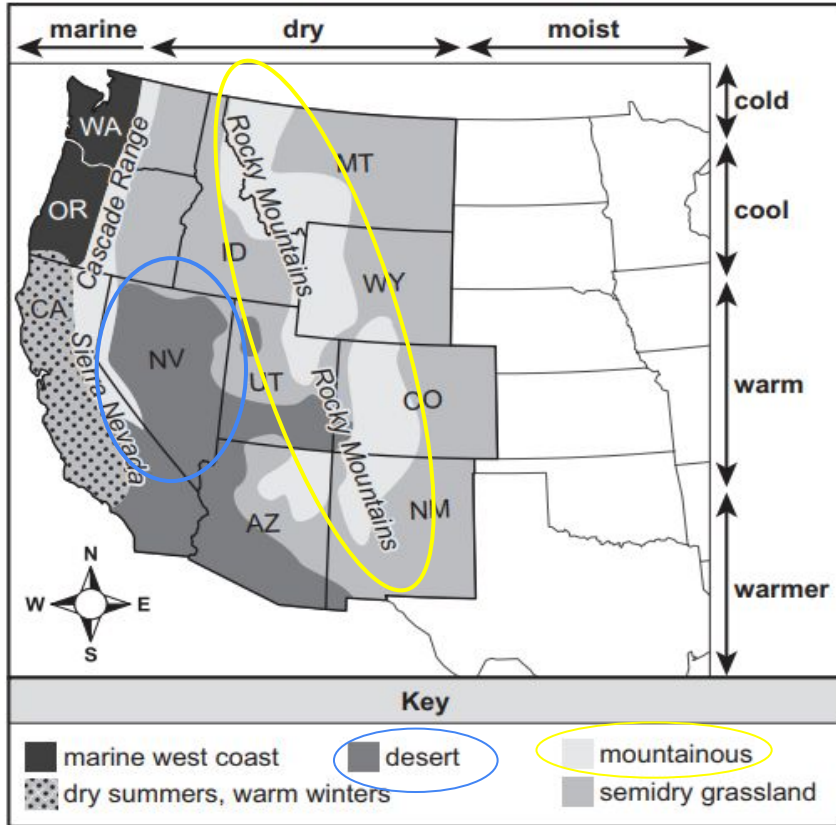
4. Which is the largest mountain range in the area shown?

- a. Cascade Range
- b. Sierra Nevada
- c. Rocky Mountains

**HINT:** Use the key and labels to help you!

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Nevada

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# Practice on your own!

Click each image to explore landmarks, parks, cities, and other awesome features of each region you learned about today! Choose at least 5 from each to click and read.



### The American West



Population: 61,500,000  
Area: 1,552,040 square miles  
Highest Point: Mt. McKinley, Alaska (20,320 feet)  
Largest Metropolitan Area: Los Angeles, California

- \* The state of California accounts for over half of the region's population.
- \* Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park, created in 1872, was the nation's first such park.
- \* The hottest temperature ever recorded in the United States was in California's Death Valley NP.
- \* Alaska's Mt. McKinley is the tallest peak in North America.

**KEY**

- Capital City
- Major City
- National Park
- River
- State Border
- ▲ Mountainous Area



### Southwestern States



Population: 31,578,000  
Area: 574,095 sq. miles  
Highest Point: Wheeler Peak, New Mexico (13,161 feet)  
Largest Metropolitan Area: Houston, Texas

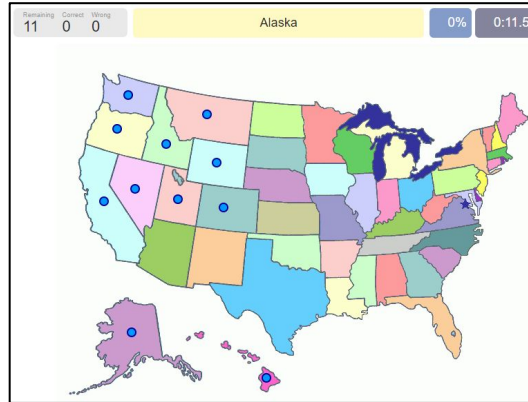
- \* Arizona is the home of Biosphere 2, a research facility complete with simulated natural habitats including desert, rainforest, and ocean!
- \* Santa Fe, New Mexico is the highest capital city in the United States, at 6,989 feet above sea level.

**KEY**

- City
- Capital City
- National Park
- State Border
- River
- ▲ Mountainous Region

# More practice on your own...

For further practice, try identifying which states are in the West and Southwest!



## Directions:

- Click [West Region Quiz](#) or [Southwest Region Quiz](#).
- The name of a state in that region will be shown at the top of the game screen.
- Click the blue dot on the given state.
- When you're finished, check your score! If it's below 100%, you can try again!

# Self Check



1. Was this lesson...
  - too easy?
  - just right?
  - too difficult?
2. Ask someone in your home if they have ever been to the West or Southwest. If so, what was it like?
3. **THINK:** Would you ever want to go on a vacation in one of those regions? Why or why not?