



Social Studies Virtual Learning

4th Grade U.S. Regions

April 8th, 2020



4th Grade Social Studies
Lesson: **April 8th, 2020**

Learning Target:

Students will locate and describe the Midwest region of the United States.

Background:

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

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

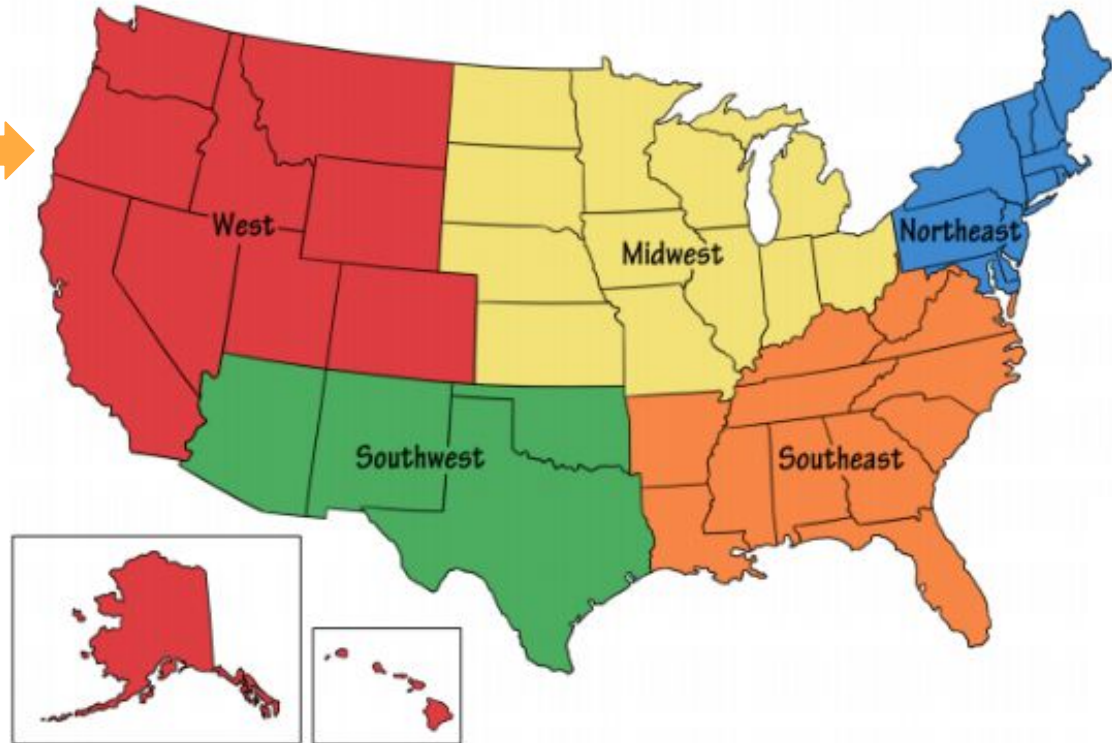
Let's get started!

Recall from yesterday you learned about 2 of the 5 regions in the United States. Review them here. →

Today, you will learn about another region: the Midwest.

First, watch [The Midwest video](#).

Then, watch [Midwest podcast](#).



Guided Practice:

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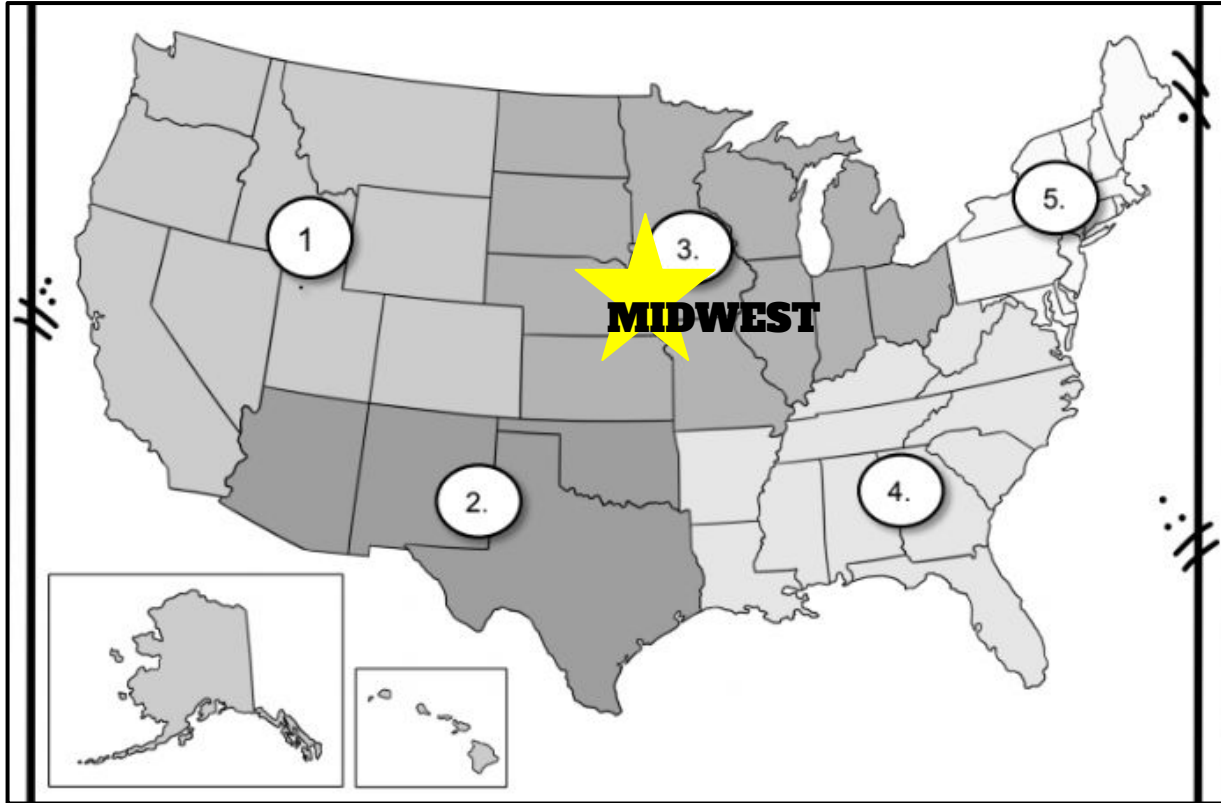
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Practice on your own!

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



The map displays the Midwest region, including parts of North Dakota (ND), South Dakota (SD), Nebraska (NE), Kansas (KS), Minnesota (MN), Iowa (IO), Missouri (MO), Wisconsin (WI), Illinois (IL), Indiana (IN), Michigan (MI), and Ohio (OH). Major cities like Bismarck, Pierre, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Des Moines, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Detroit, and Cleveland are marked. Landmarks such as Voyageurs NP, Roosevelt N.P., and the Great Plains are also shown. The map includes a legend for state borders and landmarks, and a red box highlights a specific area in the upper Midwest.

MIDWEST



Population: 66,217,736
Area: 821,872 sq. miles
Highest Point: Harney (SD) 7,242 feet
Largest Metropolitan Area: Chicago, Illinois

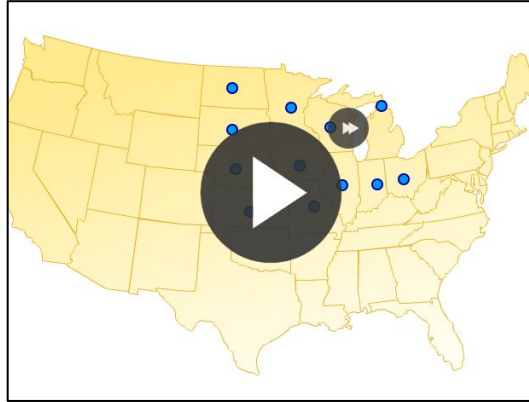
*Of the five Great Lakes, Lake Ontario does not border Michigan.

* America's two longest rivers, the Mississippi and Missouri flow through the Midwest.

Back to Start

More practice on your own...

For further practice, try identifying the states that are in the Midwest!



Directions:

- Click [Midwest 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 any other states in the Midwest. If so, what was it like?
3. **THINK:** Would you ever want to go on a vacation to another state in our region? Why or why not?