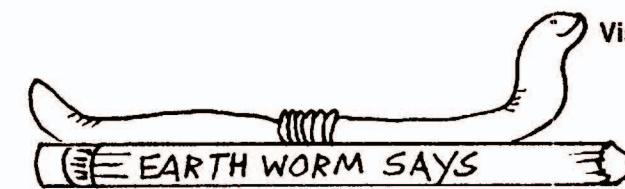


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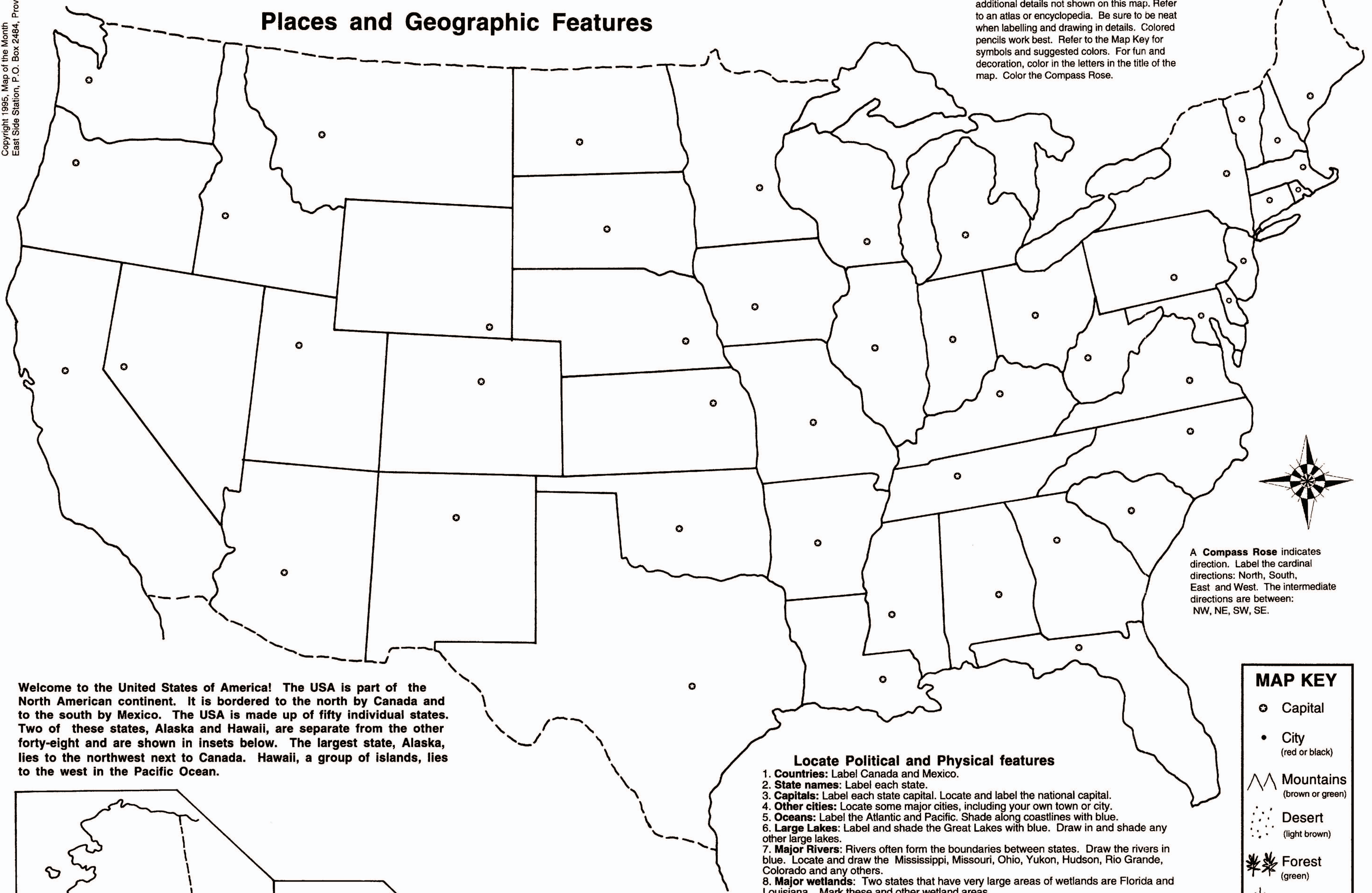
# United States of America

## Places and Geographic Features



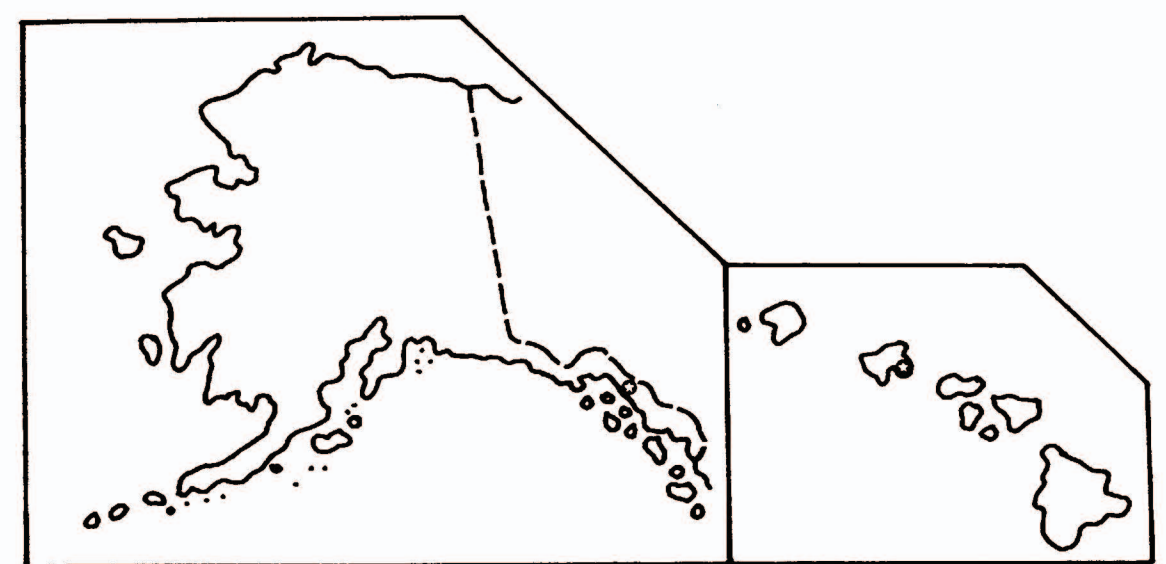
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Your job as cartographer is to fill in some additional details not shown on this map. Refer to an atlas or encyclopedia. Be sure to be neat when labelling and drawing in details. Colored pencils work best. Refer to the Map Key for symbols and suggested colors. For fun and decoration, color in the letters in the title of the map. Color the Compass Rose.



A **Compass Rose** indicates direction. Label the cardinal directions: North, South, East and West. The intermediate directions are between: NW, NE, SW, SE.

Welcome to the United States of America! The USA is part of the North American continent. It is bordered to the north by Canada and to the south by Mexico. The USA is made up of fifty individual states. Two of these states, Alaska and Hawaii, are separate from the other forty-eight and are shown in insets below. The largest state, Alaska, lies to the northwest next to Canada. Hawaii, a group of islands, lies to the west in the Pacific Ocean.



On the main map, the **scale** is one inch equals about 150 miles. Because of space limitations, these insets are not drawn to the same scale as the main map. Look at a globe and you'll see that Alaska is much bigger than Texas!

### Locate Political and Physical features

- Countries:** Label Canada and Mexico.
- State names:** Label each state.
- Capitals:** Label each state capital. Locate and label the national capital.
- Other cities:** Locate some major cities, including your own town or city.
- Oceans:** Label the Atlantic and Pacific. Shade along coastlines with blue.
- Large Lakes:** Label and shade the Great Lakes with blue. Draw in and shade any other large lakes.
- Major Rivers:** Rivers often form the boundaries between states. Draw the rivers in blue. Locate and draw the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Yukon, Hudson, Rio Grande, Colorado and any others.
- Major wetlands:** Two states that have very large areas of wetlands are Florida and Louisiana. Mark these and other wetland areas.
- Deserts:** The southwest USA has more dry arid land than any other area. Locate and draw in one or more of these areas.
- Mountain ranges:** Two major mountain ranges are the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains which span many states. Draw and shade them lightly so you don't cover up other important features.

MAP KEY	
	Capital
	City (red or black)
	Mountains (brown or green)
	Desert (light brown)
	Forest (green)
	Wetland (green)
	River (blue)