



Geographical position, location,
climate, rivers and lakes, vegetation,
animal life and mineral resources

Geography



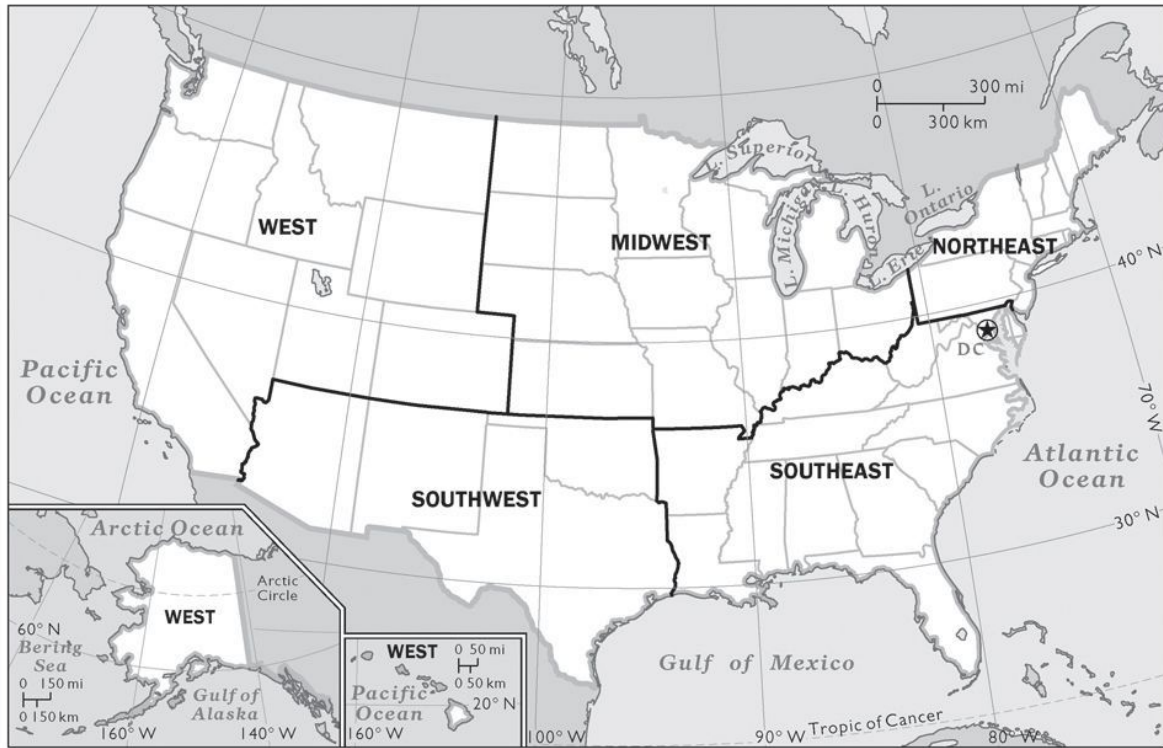
The USA occupies the central part of the North American continent. It borders on Canada in the north and Mexico in the south. It is washed by the **Atlantic Ocean** in the east, by the **Pacific Ocean** in the west and by the **Gulf of Mexico** in the south.

The present territory of the USA consists of **three** separate parts. The USA proper and Alaska are situated in North America. The Hawaii are situated in the central part of the Pacific Ocean.

Regions

Nine regions across the United States:

- **Alaska**
- **Midwest**
- **Northwest**
- **North Central**
- **Northeast**
- **Pacific Islands**
- **Southwest**
- **South Central**
- **Southeast**





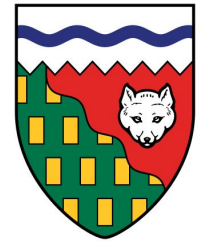
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Animal life

Western USA



The raccoon is widespread throughout the lower 48 states.



Mountain lions live throughout the western U.S.

Southern USA



The American alligator is endemic to eight states in the Southeast, and is the official state reptile of Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi.



The eastern grey squirrel and eastern fox squirrel can both be found in every southern state. The southern range of the American red squirrel dips into the higher elevations of Virginia and North Carolina.

Central USA



The groundhog is a common species in Iowa, Missouri, and eastern portions of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.



The American bison is the heaviest land animal in North America and can be as tall as 6.5 feet (2.0 m) and weigh over a ton.



Eastern USA



The American beaver is found throughout the U.S., except for Florida, Nevada and Hawaii.

The White-tailed deer is common in all eastern states.



The gray wolf once roamed the Eastern U.S., but is now extinct from this region.



Call of the Atlantic puffin

Alaska



Arctic fox is a small fox native to the Arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere and common throughout the Arctic tundra biome.

Grizzly bears are found throughout Alaska, parts of Montana and on the Canada–US border in Idaho. They are also found in Yellowstone National Park.



Mineral resources



The USA has rich deposits of:

- **coal**
- **oil**
- **iron**
- **zinc**
- **copper**
- **silver**
- **phosphate rock**
- **natural gas**
- **uranium**
- **nonferrous metals.**

The country has one fourth of the world's coal deposits.