

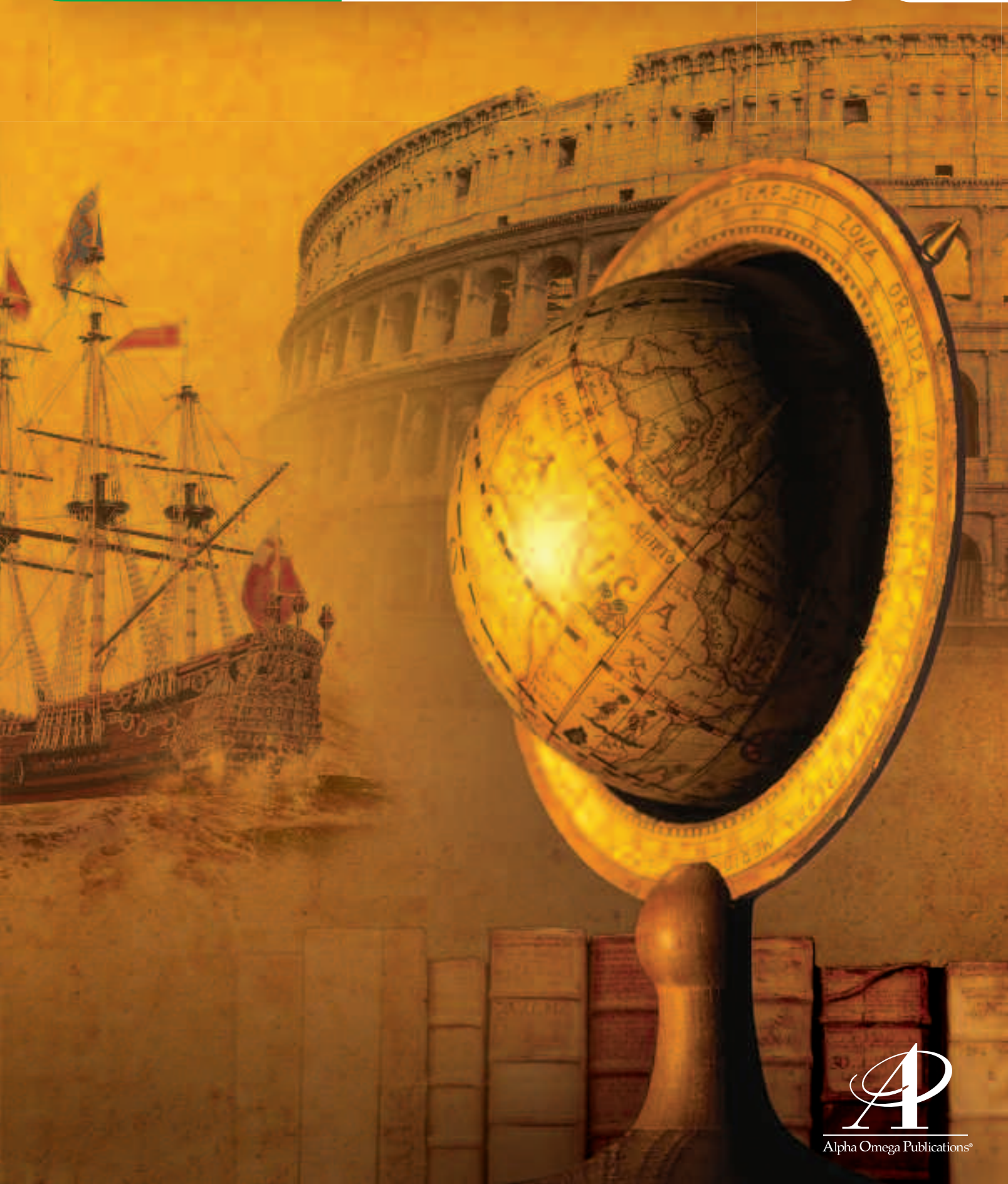


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My name is Benny and this is Bella. We're going to help you learn about the history and geography of the United States.



When you see a picture of us or one of our many friends, you'll know it's time to complete an exercise on what you've learned.

Learning is
an adventure
so let's get started!





This study guide belongs to: (write your name here)

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts,
Rhode Island, and Connecticut

The first region of the United States you will study is New England. As you look at the map below, you will see the area of New England highlighted in orange. New England is located in the northeast area of the United States. The country of Canada is north of New England. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east. The state of New York is west and south of New England. Six states make up the area of New England. These are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.





READ THESE UNIT OBJECTIVES.

The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this **LIFEPAC**.



When you have finished this **LIFEPAC**, you should be able to:

1. Locate the New England states.
2. Know the geography of the New England states.
3. List natural resources found in New England.
4. State the types of businesses and employers found in New England.
5. Know some of New England's settlers.
6. Recognize the importance of education in New England.
7. Identify the pastimes of the people living in New England.

STUDY THESE NEW WORDS.



Learning the meaning of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this **LIFEPAC**.

buoy (bōō'ē, boi) A floating object used to mark the location of something.

constitution (kōn'stī-tōō'shən, -tyōō'-) A document describing the basic rules and laws of a government.

contiguous (kən-tīg'yōō-əs) Sharing a border, touching.

descendant (dī-sĕn'dənt) Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. of a person.

deposits (dī-pōz'its) A natural store or gathering of something.

diverse (dī-vûrs', dī-, dī'vûrs') Different; unique.

headquarter (hĕd'kwôr'tər) Main office or place.

illustrator (il'ə-strāt'ôr, ĭ-lūs'trāt'ôr) A person who creates pictures for books.

immigrant (im'ĭ-grənt) A person who moves to another country.

Nor'easter (nôr-ē'stər) A severe winter or fall storm off the eastern coast of the United States or Canada.

Vocabulary continued.

pot (pŏt) A wire basket or cage used to catch lobster.

quarried (kwôr'ēd, kwŏr'ēd) To get stone from the earth by digging or blasting.

religious (rĭ-lĭj'əs) Relating to God.

sap (săp) The fluid that carries food through a plant.

tap (tăp) To cut; to draw out liquid from a plant.

These words will appear in **boldface** (thicker print) the first time they are used.



PRONUNCIATION KEY:

hăt, āge, cāre, fär, lět, ēqual, ĭt, ĭce,

/û/ as in term and squirm, hŏt, ōpen, ôrdər, /oi/ as in oil,

/ou/ as in out, cŭp, /ŏ/ as in put, /ōō/ as in rule,

/ch/ as in chĭld, /ng/ as in lông,

/th/ as in thĭn, /th/ as in thĕn, /zh/ as in measurē,

/ə/ represents /a/ in abouť, /e/ in taker, /i/ in pencil,

/o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus



I. NEW ENGLAND GEOGRAPHY

You will begin this **LIFEPAC** by studying the geography of New England. You will learn the names of some of New England's land features. You will also learn the names of New England's major cities. New England's location impacts the types of food people grow, the places they live, and the activities they do.

Section Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Locate the New England states.
2. Know the geography of the New England states.

Restudy these vocabulary words:

contiguous

Nor'easter



Ask your teacher to say these words with you.

Teacher check

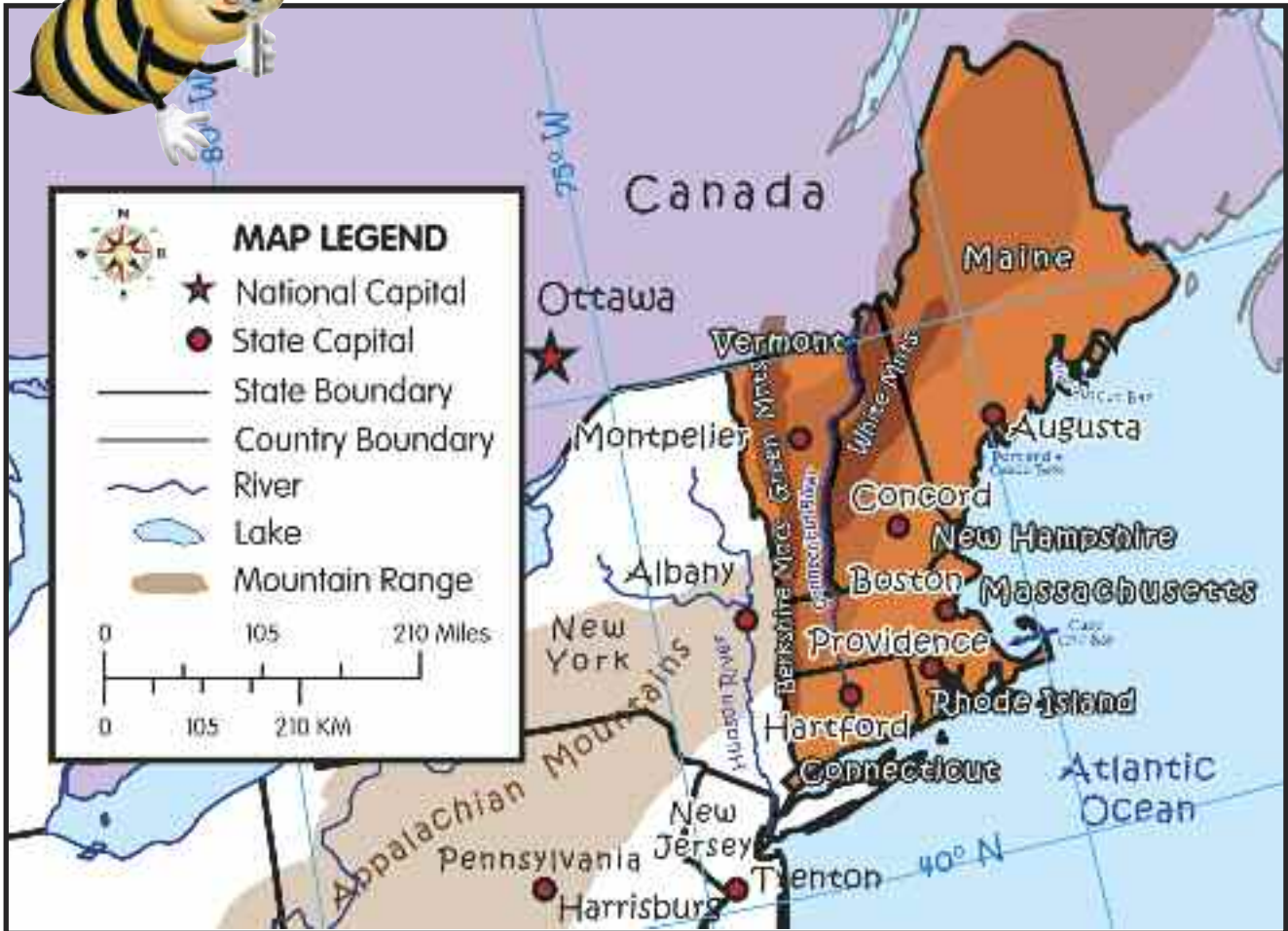
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STATES IN NEW ENGLAND

Before you study the New England states, look at the map below. The map will introduce you to the New England area.



Answer the questions based on the map above.


- 1.1 Notice that the borders of states are marked with thick black lines. What are the six states that make up the New England area? _____

- 1.2 A red circle marks the state capital of each state. What are the six state capitals in New England? _____

- 1.3 What ocean is located to the east of the New England states? _____
- 1.4 What state is south of Vermont?

- 1.5 What state is west of New Hampshire?

- 1.6 What state capital is the farthest north?

- 1.7 The symbol for mountains is . What three mountain ranges are in New England? _____

- 1.8 What is the largest New England state?

- 1.9 What is the smallest New England state?

- 1.10 What country borders the New England states to the north? _____
- 1.11 What river forms the border between New Hampshire and Vermont? _____

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

All of the New England states, except Vermont, border the Atlantic Ocean. The long New England coastline has many bays and islands. Two famous bays are Penobscot Bay in Maine and Cape Cod Bay in



Massachusetts. Because of its many bays, Massachusetts is called the "Bay State." Off the shores of New England are many small islands. Well-known New England islands include Mt. Desert Island, Maine; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; and Block Island, Rhode Island. These islands are popular vacation places during the summer months.

New England has rolling hills, mountains, and forests. Because of its many forests, Maine is called the "Pine Tree State." Three mountain ranges found in New England are the White Mountains in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains in Vermont, and the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Vermont's state nickname is the "Green Mountain" state in honor of the mountains in its state. The highest wind speed in the **contiguous** United States was recorded on Mount Washington in New Hampshire. It was 231 miles per hour!

The longest river in New England is the Connecticut. The river is the border between New Hampshire and Vermont. The Connecticut River flows through the middle of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The river is over 400 miles long and flows into Long Island Sound. The St. John River is the northernmost river in New England. This river begins in Maine. It forms part of the border between the United States and Canada. It flows into the Bay of Fundy in Canada.

Lake Champlain is the largest lake in the region. It lies between Vermont and New York State. The region is dotted with many other smaller lakes and ponds.



Fill in the Blank.

1.12 The Green Mountains are located in _____

1.13 The highest wind speed in the contiguous United States happened on _____

1.14 The largest lake in the region is _____

WEATHER

If you look at a map of New England, you may be able to predict some things about the region's weather. You have learned that there are mountains in New England. In these areas, the weather is cold in the winter. Snow falls during the winter months. The map also shows that New England is located in the northern part of the United States. You will probably not be surprised to learn that New England has cold, wet winters. Snow falls throughout New England in the winter months.



The summer months in New England are warm and wet. Thunderstorms are frequent throughout the summer months. The average summer temperatures are 80 degrees F. in the north to 85 degrees F. in the south. Because of the heat, many New England residents enjoy going on summer vacations. They like to travel to the ocean shore where there are cooler breezes. They also go on trips to the mountains which are cooler during the summer months.

A unique weather system in New England is a **Nor'easter**. Nor'easters occur when a storm system

from the Gulf of Mexico moves up the East Coast. Nor'easters can happen at any time of the year, but they generally happen in winter. In the winter Nor'easters bring high winds, incredible cold, and large amounts of snow. Nor'easters are dangerous storms that close down airports, roads, and ports. Because of the high winds and ice, power outages often accompany these storms.



Fill in the Blank.

1.15 A(n) _____ is a dangerous storm that generally occurs in winter.

1.16 Nor'easter's form in the _____.

1.17 High winds and _____ can accompany Nor'easters.

Teacher check _____

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Time to study and review for Self Test 1.

*Review
Vocabulary
Words!*



*Study
Maps &
Legends!*

For this Self Test, study what you have read and done.
The Self Test will check what you remember.

SELF TEST I

Multiple Choice:  fill in the correct answer.

- I.01 _____ is not a New England state.
a. New York b. New Hampshire c. Maine
- I.02 _____ is not a state capital in New England.
a. Boston b. Providence c. Sacramento
- I.03 The country of _____ is located north of New England.
a. Mexico b. Canada c. England
- I.04 A storm system that affects New England is called a _____.
a. Westerner b. Nor'easter c. Windy
- I.05 The highest wind speed recorded in the contiguous U.S. was on Mount _____.
a. Lincoln b. Columbia c. Washington

True/False: circle the correct answer.



- I.06 Providence is the capital of Rhode Island. T F
- I.07 Connecticut is the only New England state without a shore line. T F
- I.08 New England has cold, dry summers. T F
- I.09 The Atlantic Ocean is located to the east of New England. T F
- I.010 There are eight New England states. T F



Fill in the Blank.

- I.011 _____ is the most northern New England state.
- I.012 The _____ Mountains are located in Vermont.
- I.013 The _____ River forms the border between Vermont and New Hampshire.
- I.014 Lake _____ is the largest lake in New England.

Fill in the Blank continued.

1.015 Nor'easters form in the _____.

12/15

Each question is worth one point. The passing grade for Self Test 1 is shown in the box to the left. Write your score in the box to the right. How did you do?



Teacher check _____
Initial Date

