

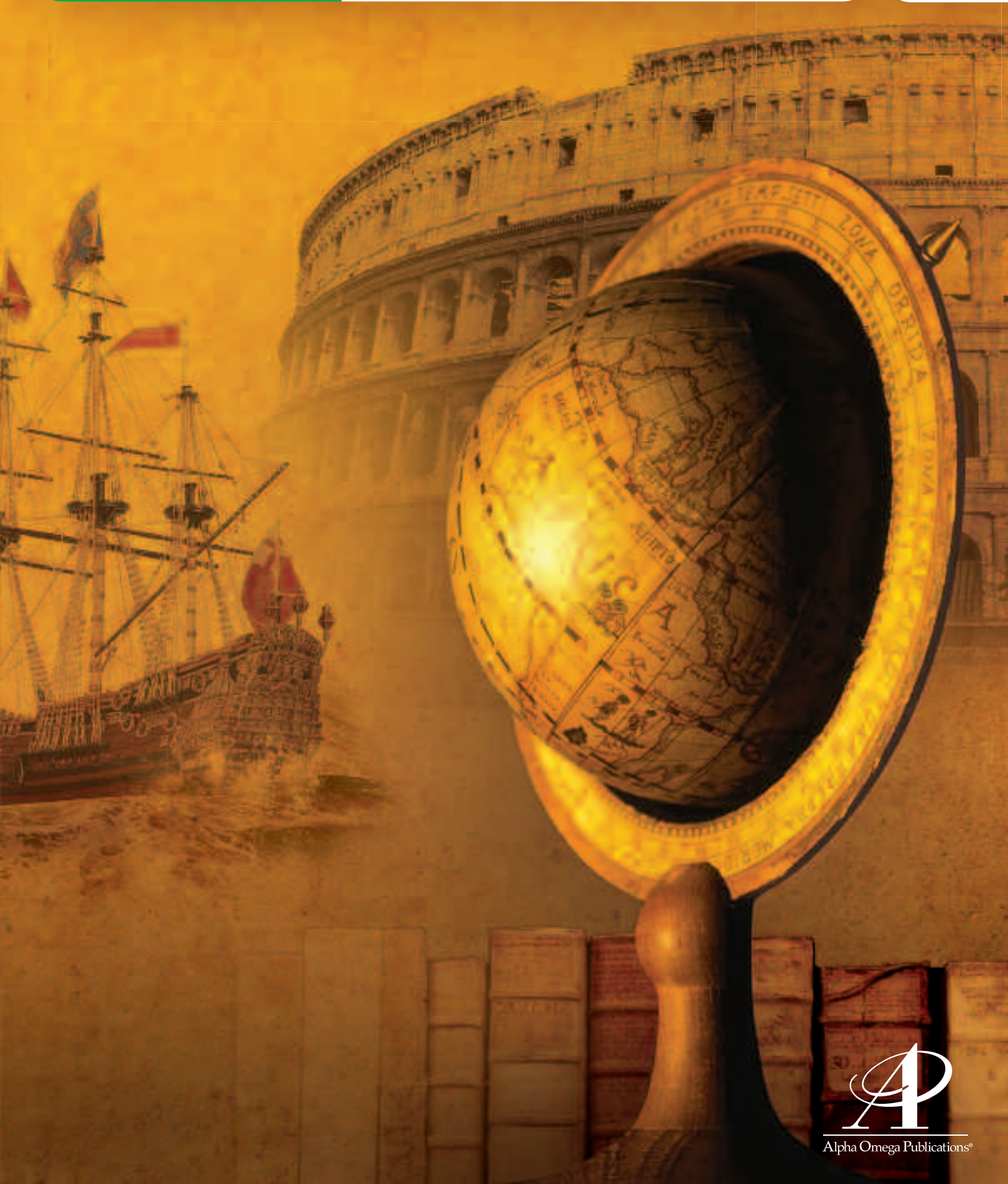


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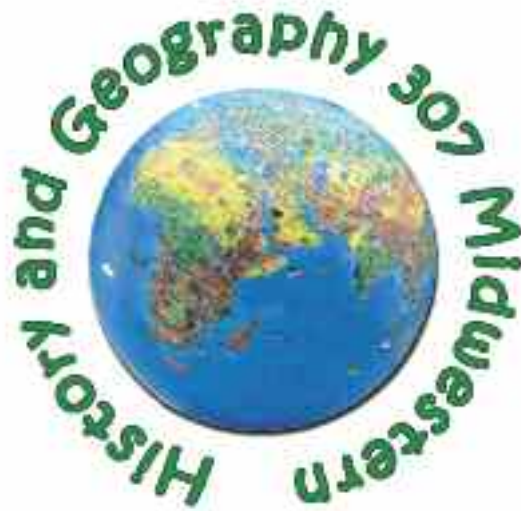
My name is Benny and this is Bella. We're going to help you learn about the history and geography of the United States.



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)

MIDWESTERN STATES

North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas,
Missouri, and Iowa

The next region of the United States you will study is the Midwestern region. As you look at the map below, you will see the area of the Midwestern region in green. The Midwestern states are located in the north and central part of the U.S. The country of Canada is north of these states. The Great Lakes states are to the east. The Southern states are to the south while the Mountain states are to the west. The states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa are Midwestern states.





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 Midwestern states.
2. Know the geography of the Midwestern states.
3. List natural resources found in the Midwestern states.
4. State the types of businesses and employers found in the Midwestern region.
5. Know some of the Midwestern settlers.
6. Recognize the importance of Native American history in the Midwestern states.
7. Identify the pastimes of the people living in the Midwestern states.

STUDY THESE NEW WORDS.

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



combine (kŏm'bĭn') A large farm machine that cuts and harvests grain.

corps (kŏr, kŏr) A group of people, often military, acting together.

irrigate (ĭr'ĭ-gāt') To put water on land to help a crop grow.

nomad (nŏ'mäd') Not having a set home; moving around to find food.

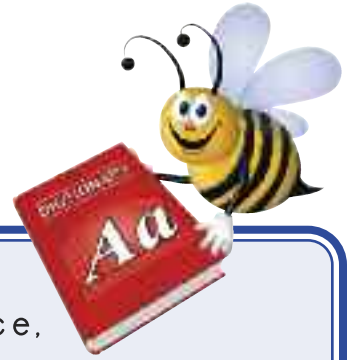
reservation (rĕz'ər-vā'shən) A specific area of land set apart by the U.S. government for Native Americans.

strategic (strə-tĕ'jĭk) A plan of action.

treaty (trĕ'tĕ) A peace agreement between two groups.

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

PRONUNCIATION KEY:



hăt, āge, cāre, fār, lět, ēqual, ĩt, ĩce,
/û/ as in term and squirm, hőt, ōpen, ôrdər, /oi/ as in oil,
/ou/ as in out, cŭp, /õõ/ 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 measure,
/ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taker, /i/ in pencil,
/o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus

I. MIDWESTERN STATES GEOGRAPHY

You will begin this **LIFEPAC** by studying the geography of the Midwestern states. You will learn the names of some of the Midwestern states' land features. You will also learn the names of the Midwestern states' major cities. The Midwestern states' 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 Midwestern states.
2. Know the geography of the Midwestern states.

Restudy these vocabulary words:

irrigation

treaty

strategic



Ask your teacher to say these words with you.

Teacher check

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Date _____



== STATES IN THE MIDWESTERN REGION ==

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



Answer the questions based on the map.



- 1.1 List the capitals of the Midwestern states:
- a. North Dakota _____
 - b. South Dakota _____
 - c. Nebraska _____
 - d. Kansas _____
 - e. Iowa _____
 - f. Missouri _____

1.2 Through which states does the Missouri River run or border? _____

1.3 Through which states does the Mississippi River run or border? _____

1.4 Through which states does the 100 degree line of longitude run? _____

1.5 Which is the most eastern state? _____

1.6 The 40 degree line of latitude forms the border between which two states? _____



Fill in the Blank continued.

1.7 Which country is north of North Dakota?

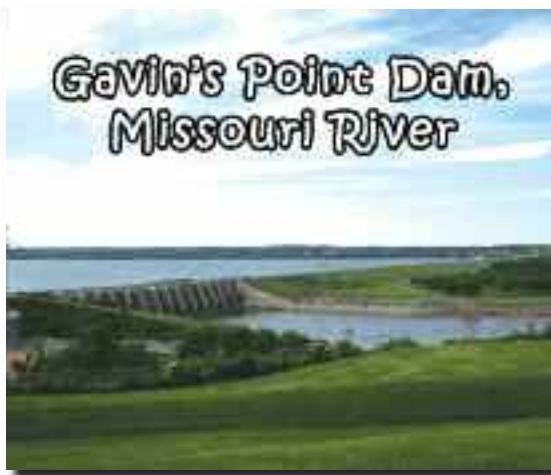
1.8 Which is the southernmost state? _____

1.9 Which state is south of Minnesota? _____

1.10 Which state capital is the farthest north?

==== GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES =====

The Missouri River plays an important role in the geography of the Midwestern states. The river flows through all of the states of the region and serves as a border for many. The Missouri River begins in Montana and flows north through North Dakota and then on

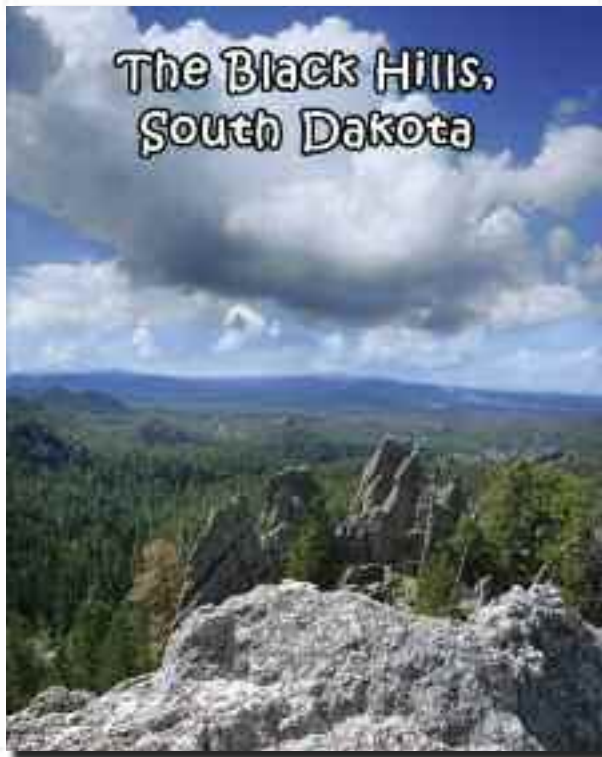


through South Dakota. Eventually the Missouri empties into the Mississippi River in Missouri. The Missouri River is the longest river in the U.S. at over 2,500 miles. It provides water for much of the region. Dams have been placed on the river at **strategic**

places. This allows farmers to use the water for **irrigation**. Additionally, the southern part of the river is used to transport goods across the region.



Much of the Midwest region is flat or slightly hilly. The land is particularly suited for farming. The soil is rich in nutrients. Because the land is relatively flat, farmers are able to plant large fields of crops. The Midwest region provides much of the food for the U.S.



There are two small mountain ranges in the Midwestern region. The Black Hills are in western South Dakota. The Ozarks are located in southern Missouri. The Black Hills in South Dakota are the tallest mountains east of the Rocky Mountains. The land is sacred to Native

American tribes in the region. However, once gold was discovered in the region in the mid 1800's, settlers flocked to the area. The U.S. broke its **treaty** agreement

with the Indian tribes and took the land. Today the Black Hills are home to mining, timber, and tourism industries.

The Ozarks are primarily located in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. They are the most extensive mountain range between the Rocky and Appalachian Mountains. The Ozarks are a popular tourist destination. They are also a source for lead. Lead is used in making batteries along with other products.



Fill in the Blank.

- 1.11 The Missouri River is the _____ river in the U.S.
- 1.12 The Missouri River begins in the state of _____.
- 1.13 The _____ are the tallest mountains east of the Rocky Mountains.
- 1.14 The _____ are the largest mountain range between the Rocky and Appalachian Mountains.

WEATHER

A winter blizzard is a type of strong Midwestern storm. Blizzards contain strong winds and often heavy snow falls. The strength of the wind turns a snowstorm into a blizzard. Because the winds are so strong, travel becomes dangerous. Drivers are unable to see the road because of the way the snow is whipped around by the wind. The incredibly cold temperatures also make being outside dangerous. Blizzards can shut down roads, businesses, and schools. The winds cause the snow to drift, making huge banks on the sides of buildings and roads. Some blizzards cause power outages. Because the temperature is so cold, people need to put on many layers of clothes and blankets when the power is not working. All the northern states in the U.S. can experience blizzards.



The Midwestern region is largely sunny. Even during the cold winters, the sun shines brightly. The winters are cold throughout the region. In January, temperatures are often below freezing. Of course in the southern states of the region, the average temperature is warmer. While there are significant snow falls, they are not as great as those in the Great Lakes region.

Midwestern summer months are generally hot. In July, most of the states in this region have average temperatures of 85 degrees. The Midwestern region is known for the temperature extremes in the winter and summer months. The summer months can produce violent thunderstorms. Some of these storms create tornadoes. Most of Kansas and Nebraska along with parts of South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri are part of what is called the "Tornado Alley." Tornadoes form more frequently in these areas than in others.





True/False: circle the correct answer.

- 1.15 Blizzards are only dangerous because of the amount of snow they bring. T F
- 1.16 Blizzards can close down schools, businesses, and roads. T F
- 1.17 The Midwest region has very cold winters and very hot summers. T F
- 1.18 The Midwest region is generally sunny. T F
- 1.19 Iowa is not a part of "Tornado Alley." T F

Teacher check _____
Initial Date



Time to study and review for Self Test 1.

Study
State
Facts!



Know
State
Capitals!

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.



1.01 The longest river in the U.S. is the _____.

- a. Missouri b. Mississippi c. Ohio

1.02 The capital of North Dakota is _____.

- a. Pierre b. Des Moines c. Bismarck

1.03 The Missouri River begins in the state of _____.

- a. Minnesota b. Montana c. North Dakota

1.04 The Ozarks are located in the state of _____.

- a. Missouri b. North Dakota c. South Dakota

1.05 The Midwestern weather is often _____.

- a. cloudy b. rainy c. sunny





True/False: circle the correct answer.

- 1.06 The Missouri River joins the Mississippi River in the state of Missouri. T F
- 1.07 The Ozarks are the highest mountains west of the Rocky Mountains. T F
- 1.08 The state of North Dakota is not in "Tornado Alley." T F
- 1.09 Much of the Midwest is relatively flat making it suitable for farming. T F
- 1.010 The state of Iowa is the most eastern of the states in this region. T F



Fill in the Blank.

- 1.011 The Black Hills are located in the state of _____.
- 1.012 A snow storm that can close down schools and businesses is called a(n) _____.
- 1.013 Lincoln is the capital of _____.

Fill in the Blank continued.

I.014 Iowa is bordered by the Missouri and _____ Rivers.

I.015 The Midwest has _____ winters and hot summers.



12/15

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



Teacher check _____
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