

# Chapter 6 Assessment

## VISUAL SUMMARY HUMAN GEOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES

### History and Government

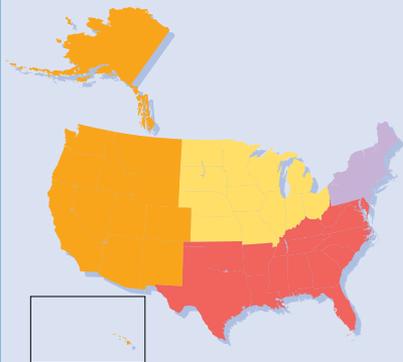
- The United States was populated by a diverse group of immigrants.
- The United States expanded westward and industrialized.
- The government of the United States is a representative democracy.
- At the start of the 21st century, the United States was the only remaining superpower.

### Economy and Culture

- Fertile land, valuable resources, and good location help make the United States an economic leader.
- Much of the U.S. economy is based on service industries.
- Most of the U.S. population lives in urban areas.

### Subregions of the United States

- The Northeast region is heavily populated and industrialized.
- The Midwest produces a variety of agricultural and manufactured goods but is shifting to some service industries.
- The South is rapidly becoming more industrialized.
- The West is a rapidly growing economic region.



## Reviewing Places & Terms

### A. Briefly explain the importance of each of the following.

1. migration
2. Columbian Exchange
3. suburb
4. representative democracy
5. free enterprise
6. service industry
7. postindustrial economy
8. multinational
9. megalopolis
10. metropolitan area

### B. Answer the questions about vocabulary in complete sentences.

11. What role did migration play in populating the United States?
12. What are some examples of items in the Columbian Exchange?
13. Which of the above terms are associated with urban geography?
14. What type of government does the United States have?
15. What is an advantage of free enterprise?
16. How are the service industry and postindustrial economy related?
17. What is an example of a service industry?
18. What makes a business a multinational corporation?
19. In which region is an example of a megalopolis found?
20. How are the terms suburb and metropolitan area related?

## Main Ideas

### History and Government of the United States (pp. 135-139)

1. Why is the United States called a “nation of immigrants?”
2. How did the Louisiana Purchase change the United States?
3. What factors led the United States to become a superpower?

### Economy and Culture of the United States (pp. 140-144)

4. Why is the United States a leader in agricultural production?
5. What are some examples of the cultural diversity of the United States?
6. In what industry do most Americans work?

### Subregions of the United States (pp. 145-151)

7. What changes have taken place in the industrial base of the Northeast?
8. What role did water play in the development of the Midwest?
9. What industries are found in the South today?
10. How did California become the nation’s most populous state?

## Critical Thinking

### 1. Using Your Notes

Use your completed chart to answer these questions.



- What resources have been important in the development of the United States?
- Which subregions make up the “rust belt” and which the “sunbelt”? How are they related?

### 2. Geographic Themes

- REGION** How has the economy of the South changed?
- MOVEMENT** How has U.S. population shifted since the country began?

### 3. Identifying Themes

How did air conditioning and irrigation change the population of the West? Which of the five themes apply to this situation?

### 4. Determining Cause and Effect

What was the effect of the United States becoming industrialized?

### 5. Making Generalizations

What has been the result of the United States being populated by many different groups of people?

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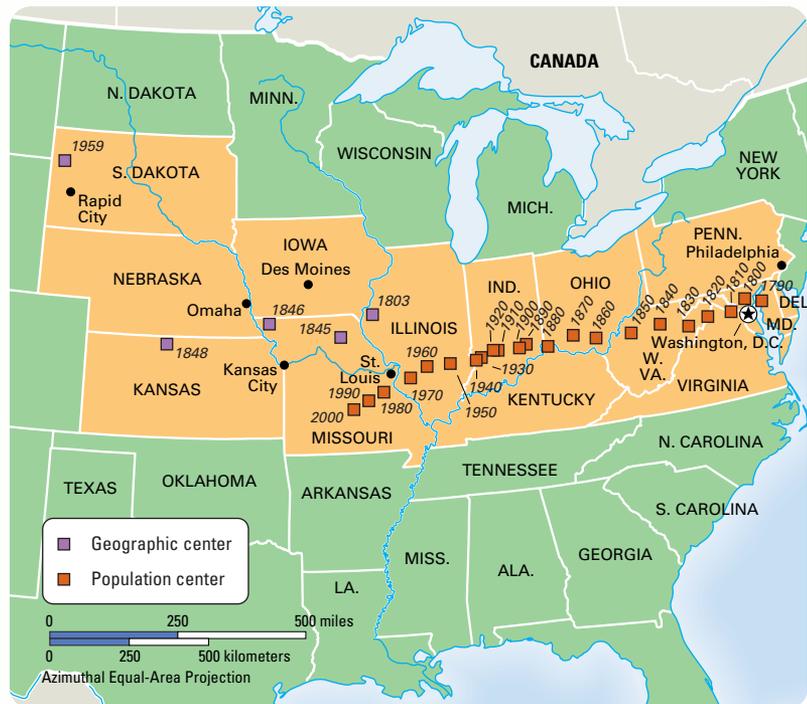
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## Geographic Skills: Interpreting Maps

### U.S. Population and Geographic Centers

Use the map at right to answer the following questions.

- MOVEMENT** In which year did the population center cross the Mississippi River?
- MOVEMENT** How would you describe the difference between changes in the geographic center and changes in the population center?
- REGION** In which region was the population center from 1790 through 1850?



### GeoActivity

Create a series of four maps showing movement of the population center of the United States in 50-year periods. Use the map on this page to help you. Start with the period from 1790 to 1840.



### INTERNET ACTIVITY

Use the links at [classzone.com](http://classzone.com) to do research about the expansion of the United States. Look for the dates when territory was added to the United States.

**Writing About Geography** Write a report about your findings. Include a map showing the territory acquired to help present the information. List the Web sites that were your sources.