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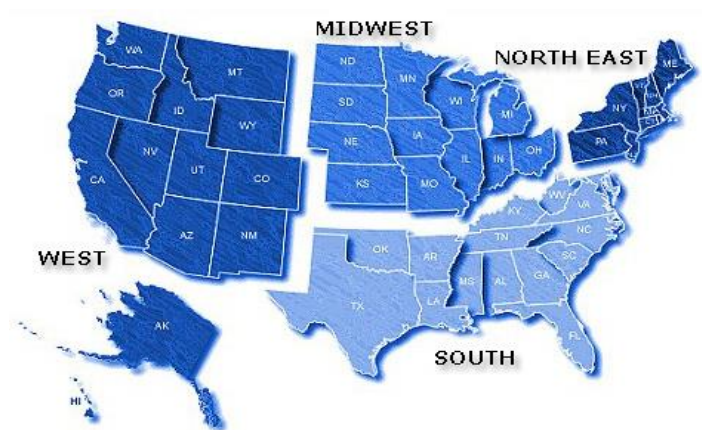
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***Anotace: The worksheets can be used when learning about the geography of the United States. The material focuses on the distinctions and differences between individual regions of the US. Cross-curricular relations correspond with social studies and geography. The worksheet revises information required in the English Department curriculum. The tasks concentrate on listening comprehension, speaking skills, and formulating personal opinions.***

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## Geography of the United States of America – the West



I. Based on information provided in lectures, decide if the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE** about the **WEST** region of the United States.

1. The technological center known as Silicon Valley is located in this region.
2. The most famous of the great National Parks are located in this region.
3. The number of inhabitants is relatively low and sparsely populated.
4. Very tall and rugged mountains characterize much of this region.
5. The climate is warm and humid, and there are not four distinct seasons.
6. This is the most important agricultural area of the United States.
7. This is one of the fastest growing regions of the United States.
8. Famous tourist destinations like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone can be found here.
9. This region contains the most “wilderness” or land relatively untouched by civilization.
10. The Native American and Hispanic cultures have had a strong influence on this region.
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II. Using information from classroom discussions, answer the following questions.

1. In your opinion, how does geography affect lifestyle in this region?
2. Why do you think this region is the least densely populated area?



3. Why do you suppose so many technology and computer-related businesses are concentrated in such a small area like Silicon Valley?
4. Describe what you know about some of the famous cities of this region.
5. What do you think you would enjoy or dislike about living in this region?
6. Name at least 4 states in this region and be prepared to tell what you know about them.
7. Name some of the great National Parks located in this region.

Key words and phrases: Silicon Valley, National Parks, majestic, wilderness, hispanic, native American, emerging, drought

It is necessary to emphasize the following points during the lecture about the Western region of the USA.

- Extremely large area in terms of size but relatively small in population
- Has amazing natural beauty and is home to the most famous National Parks
- Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Grand Teton, Joshua Tree, Bryce Canyon are some of the most famous parks
- Home to “Silicon Valley” and the computer revolution
- The Southwestern part – New Mexico, Arizona, southern California – are heavily influenced by Hispanic and Native American culture
- The region is rich in natural resources including timber and forest products. Minerals and metal ores are mined here.
- The region often suffers from water shortages and drought
- “new” cities have emerged and grown over the last 30-40 years as the population has increased dramatically, e.g. Phoenix, Arizona, Salt Lake City, Utah, Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon
- Has a “different outlook” than the rest of the US because of its Pacific coast. Looks more to China, Japan, and South Korea for trade, culture, and tourism rather than Europe.

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