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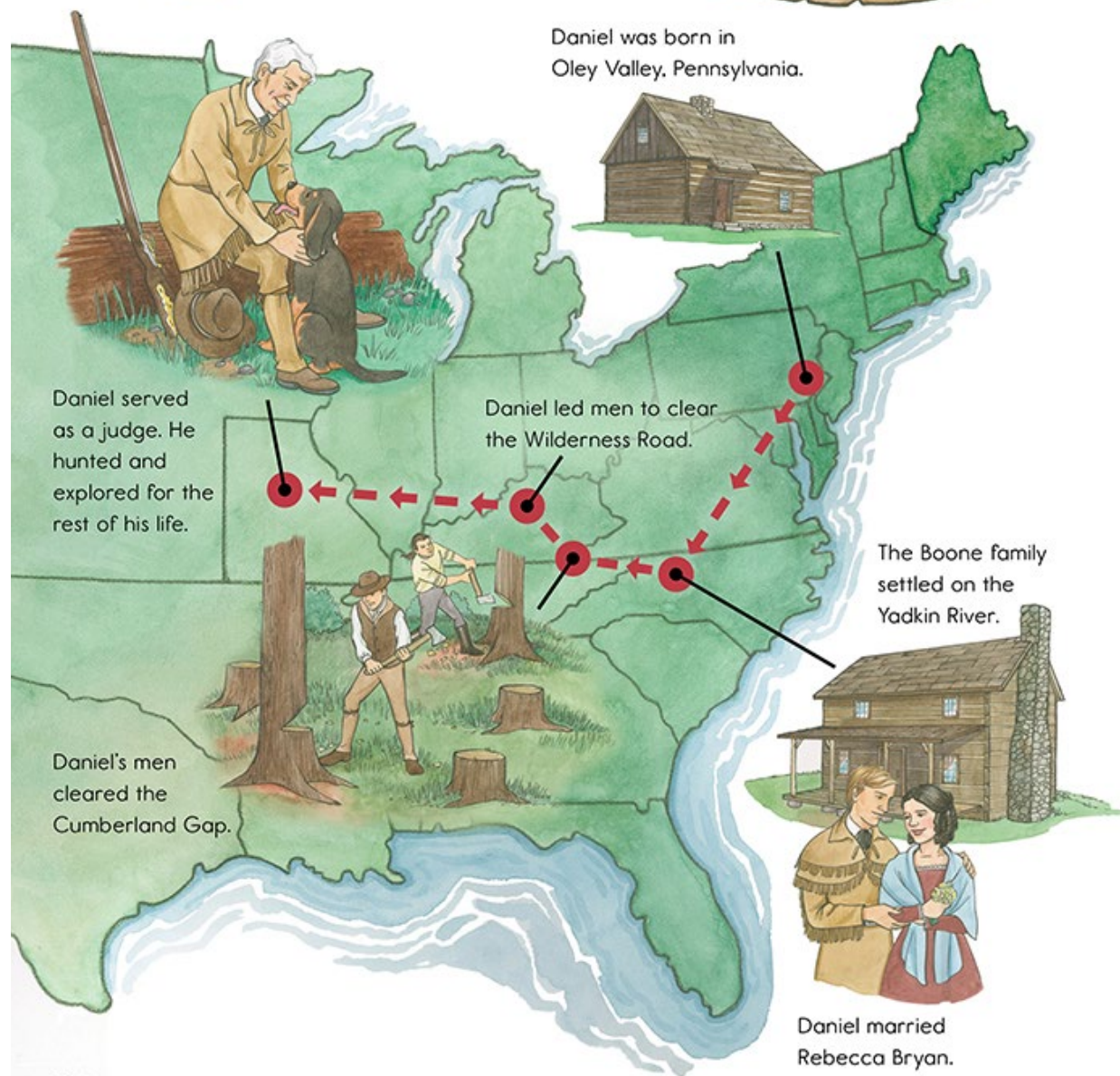
People and Places

Vocabulary

- climate
- erupt
- heartland
- landform
- natural disaster
- region



DANIEL BOONE'S JOURNEY WEST





A Legend of Daniel Boone

Retold by Carol Arrington Ardt



Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania. Daniel learned to read and write at home. He spent his free time exploring the woods.

By age thirteen he had his own rifle. Some people said, "Daniel is a good shot. He can shoot a tick right off the nose of a bear!"

One evening, Daniel got ready to hunt with friends. He dressed in buckskin leggings and shirt. He tucked his hunting knife and axe in his leather belt. He hung his rifle, a bag of shot, and a powder horn on his shoulder. He put on his beaver-fur hat.



People Making a Difference

Sacagawea

Sacagawea was born in Idaho. She was a Native American of the Shoshone tribe. At age twelve, the Hidatsa tribe took her to North Dakota. Later, a fur trader married her. His name was Toussaint.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark planned a trip. They would go with a group of men to find a way to the west coast. They needed help talking to Native Americans on the way. They hired Toussaint. He spoke French and Hidatsa. Sacagawea joined the group too. She spoke Shoshone and Hidatsa.

Sacagawea carried her baby boy on her back. She helped to keep peace with Native Americans. They saw her with the group. They knew the group wanted peace.

Sacagawea helped in other ways. She found fruit, plants, and roots for food and medicine.

She got horses for the group too. She knew the way through the land of her childhood. She led the men to the Shoshone tribe. Her brother was the chief. She asked him to help.



Sacagawea spoke Shoshone with the chief. Then she spoke Hidatsa to tell her husband what the chief said. Her husband spoke French with one of the men who spoke French and English. Then that man spoke English to tell the others what the chief said. In this way the group bought horses for the trip.

At times the group went by boat. William Clark wrote about Sacagawea's help during a storm.



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A windstorm struck our sail and turned the boat nearly over, in which time it almost filled with water. The items which floated out were nearly all caught by Sacagawea who was in the rear.

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The group went on. At last they reached the Pacific Ocean.

The group made a return trip east. On the way, Sacagawea and her family left the group to go back home.



How did Sacagawea help the explorers?

What places can I find on a map of the North American continent?



A polar bear hunting for seals stands on melting ice in the Arctic Ocean.



Americans stop at a customs station before entering Canada.

Reading a Map of North America

A map of North America shows what the land is like. There are many countries. Canada, the United States, and Mexico are large. Costa Rica is small.

The Gulf of Mexico is a large area of the ocean that has land partway around it. It meets the coasts of the United States, Mexico, and Cuba. A coast is land that touches the ocean. The Arctic Ocean is to the north of the continent. The Pacific Ocean is to the west. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east.

Arctic Ocean

Canada

United States of America

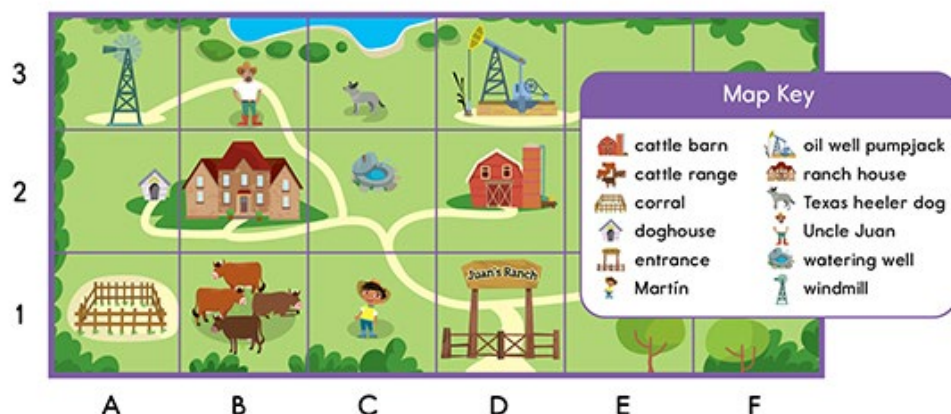
Mexico

Pacific Ocean

Skills

Map Grid and Map Scale

The lines of a map grid run north and south and east and west. They form squares. We use the letters and numbers to find places on the map.



A map scale shows distance on a map. It compares the distance on the map to the real distance on the ground.

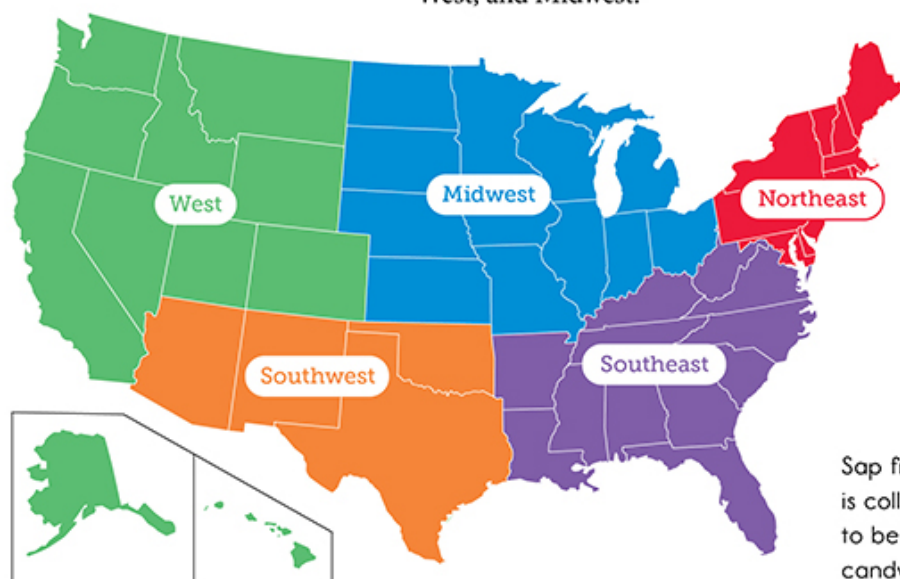


What region of
the United States
do I live in?



Regions of the United States

The United States can be divided into five regions.
A **region** is a large area with similar land and culture.
The regions are the Northeast, Southeast, Southwest,
West, and Midwest.



Sap from maple trees
is collected in buckets
to be used for making
candy and syrup.

The Northeast has lakes, mountains, and farms. The Atlantic coast and inland rivers make it easy to move resources and goods through this region. There are many resources here. People mine iron and coal. They cut trees for wood. They tap maple trees to get sap to make syrup. Wild cranberries are grown here and sold around the United States. Native Americans were the first to harvest and eat them. The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag shared the first Thanksgiving meal with food from this region.

