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**U.S. and Canada Physical Geography**

1. The U.S. and Canada have several major mountain ranges.

A.

B.

C.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extend about 3,000 miles from Alaska south to New Mexico. They are younger and taller than the Appalachian Mountains. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the line of highest points in the Rockies that marks the separation of rivers flowing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extend about 1,600 miles north to south from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Canada to Alabama.

4. Pacific Coastal Ranges - A series of small mountain ranges stretch from southern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . These ranges are low in elevation and right on the coast. They make the coastline rugged and steep. This area is also on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and has many active and dormant volcanoes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are common in this area.

5. Other Landforms

A. D.

B. E.

C. F.

6. Canadian Shield

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a rocky, mainly flat area around Hudson Bay.

7. Interior Lowlands - An area that spreads from the Appalachian Mountains to the Mississippi River. This area is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Most of it used to be covered by mixed coniferous and deciduous forest.

8. Arctic and Gulf Coastal Plains - These are flat areas that stretch along the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the south and the Arctic Ocean in the north. The Arctic Coastal Plain is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Basin and Range - This area is mostly in Nevada and it consists of rocky outcroppings of rock and large depressions.

10. Great Plains - A largely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that extends from Canada down to Mexico. The soil is very fertile and good for farming but the climate can be harsh with cold winters and hot summers. This area also gets many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon was formed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The canyon is 277 miles long and ranges in width from 4 to 18 miles. Most of the canyon is in Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

12. Groups of Islands

A. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - A group of 19 islands and islets in the Pacific Ocean that formed over a hotspot in the earth's crust. The largest island, Hawaii, has an active volcano.

B. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - A chain of over 300 small volcanic islands that extend from Alaska to Russia.

13. Some major rivers in the United States are:

A.

B.

C.

14. Mississippi River - The Mississippi River is the second longest river in the United States with a length of 2,340 miles. The river is an important transportation route from the grain producing states of middle America to the Gulf of Mexico.

15. St. Lawrence River - The St. Lawrence River connects the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The river has a system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that allow large ships to transport loads of minerals and goods. Part of the river serves as the border between Canada and the United States.

16. Colorado River - The Colorado River flows from Colorado to the Gulf of California. The river formed the Grand Canyon by erosion and it is an important source of fresh water in an arid region. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the river provides electricity for Los Angeles.

17. Columbia River - The Columbia River is the fourth largest river in the U.S. and the largest river in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The river has many dams that are used to create hydroelectric power. The dams have impacted the local salmon industry.

18. Other Water Features

A.

B.

C.

18. Climate

Canada and the United States are in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ latitudes. The most common climates are:

A.

B.

C.

19. Climate

Most of the Eastern United States is humid subtropical. This climate zone has a mild winter and hot humid summers. The Northern states are humid continental. They have much colder winters but the summers can still be hot and uncomfortable.