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Directions

Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Then mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE

Temperature and precipitation are characteristics of —

- A** longitude
- B** climate
- C** vegetation
- D** latitude

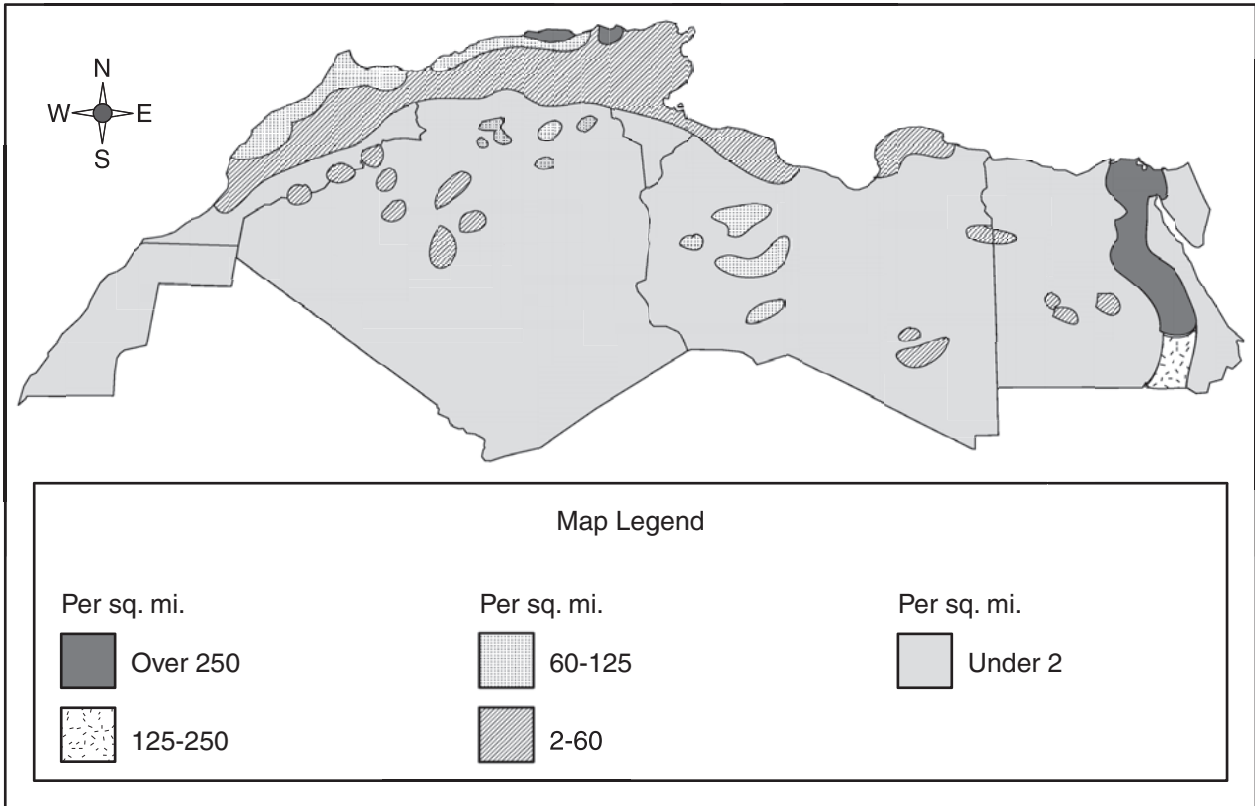
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What is the approximate distance from Paris, France, to Madrid, Spain?

- A** 350 miles
- B** 450 miles
- C** 550 miles
- D** 650 miles

North Africa Population Density



Which of the following *best* explains the population distribution of North Africa?

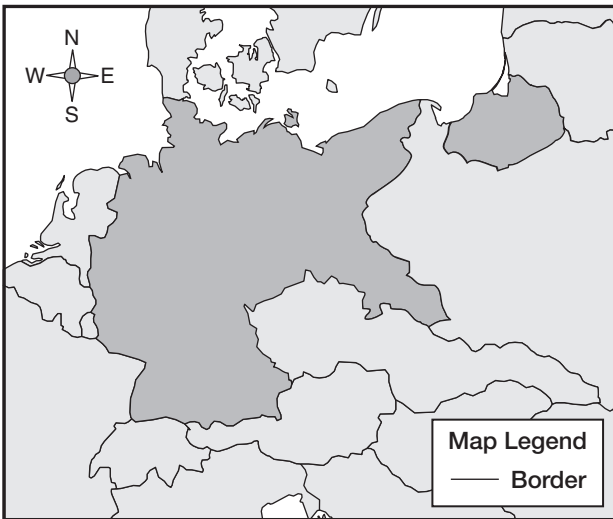
- F** The natural vegetation encourages nomadic herding.
- G** Mineral deposits have led to the creation of urban centers.
- H** Settlements are found in areas with reliable sources of water.
- J** The economy of the region encourages widespread small communities.

3 The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians is *most* likely related to —

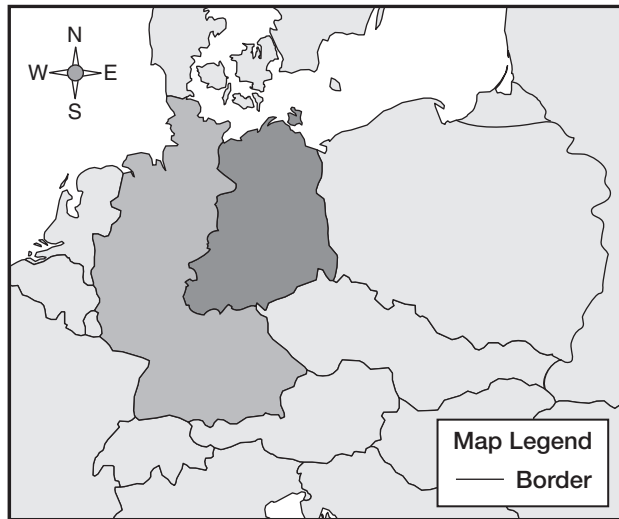
- A** economic connections to the area
- B** the petroleum deposits in the area
- C** religious attachments to the area
- D** the agricultural growth in the area

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Germany After World War I



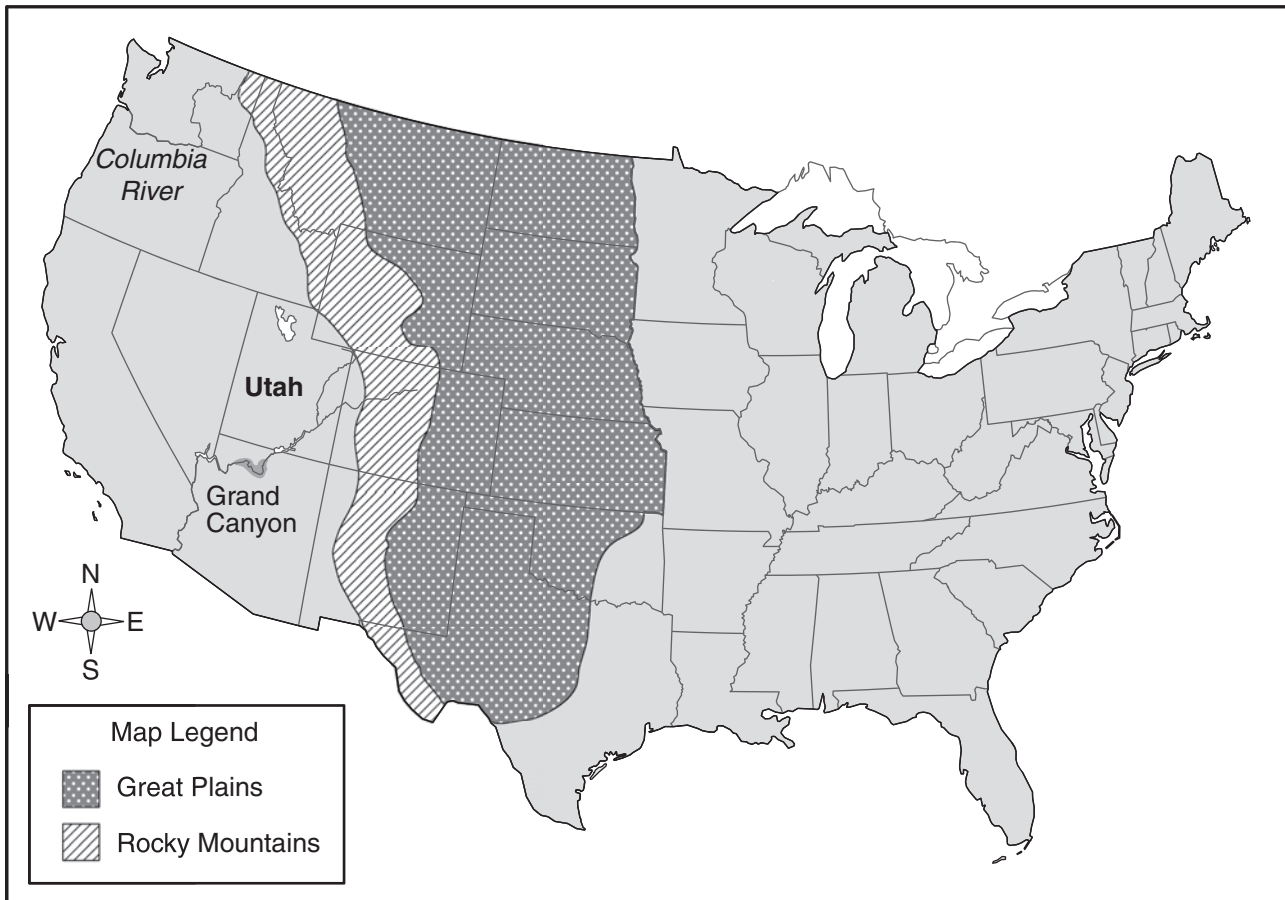
Germany After World War II



These maps show that after World War II Germany was —

- F** controlled by Austria
- G** expanded into a larger country
- H** annexed by France
- J** divided into two countries

Continental United States



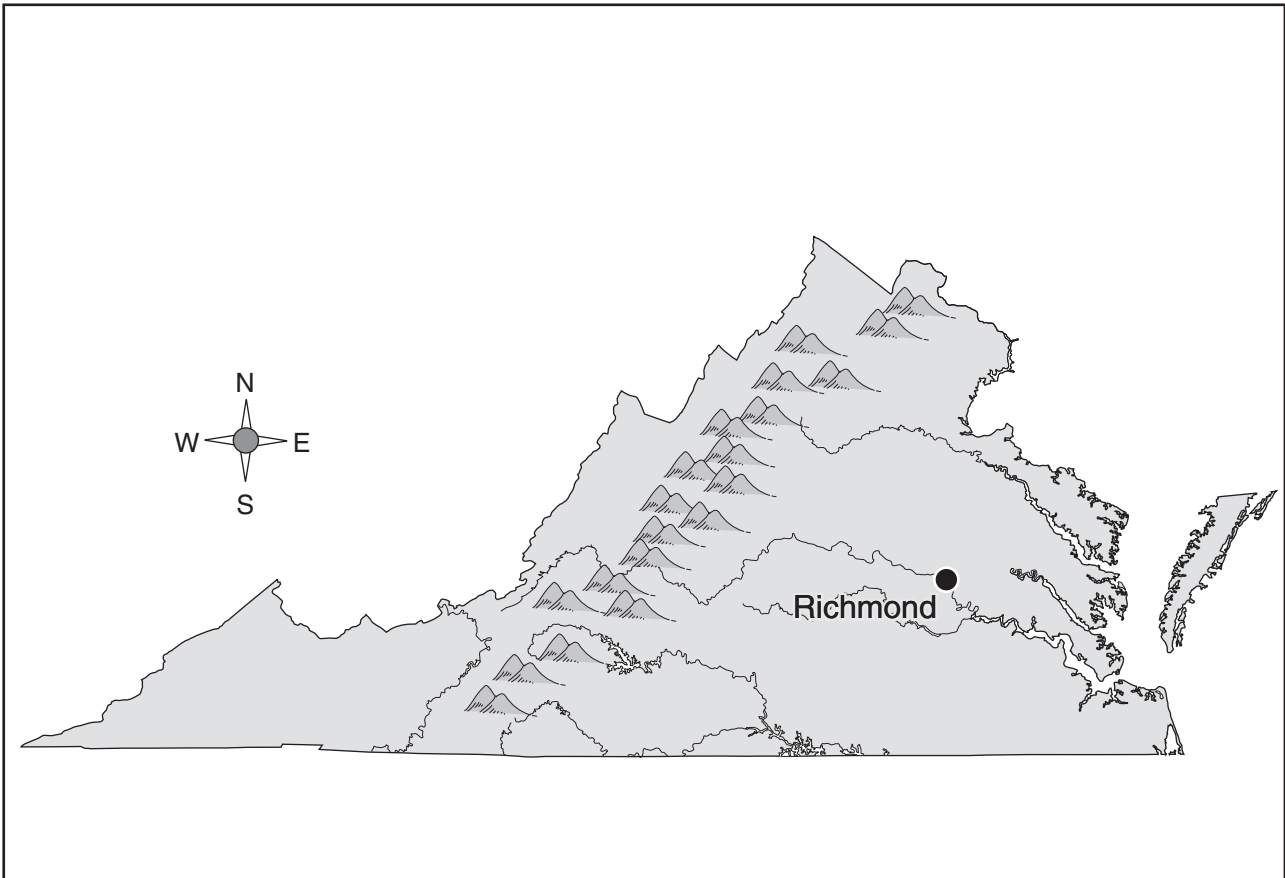
Using a physical characteristic as a reference point, Utah is located —

- A east of the Great Plains
- B south of the Grand Canyon
- C north of the Columbia River
- D west of the Rocky Mountains

6 The negative impact of using coal and oil in the United States and Western Europe is —

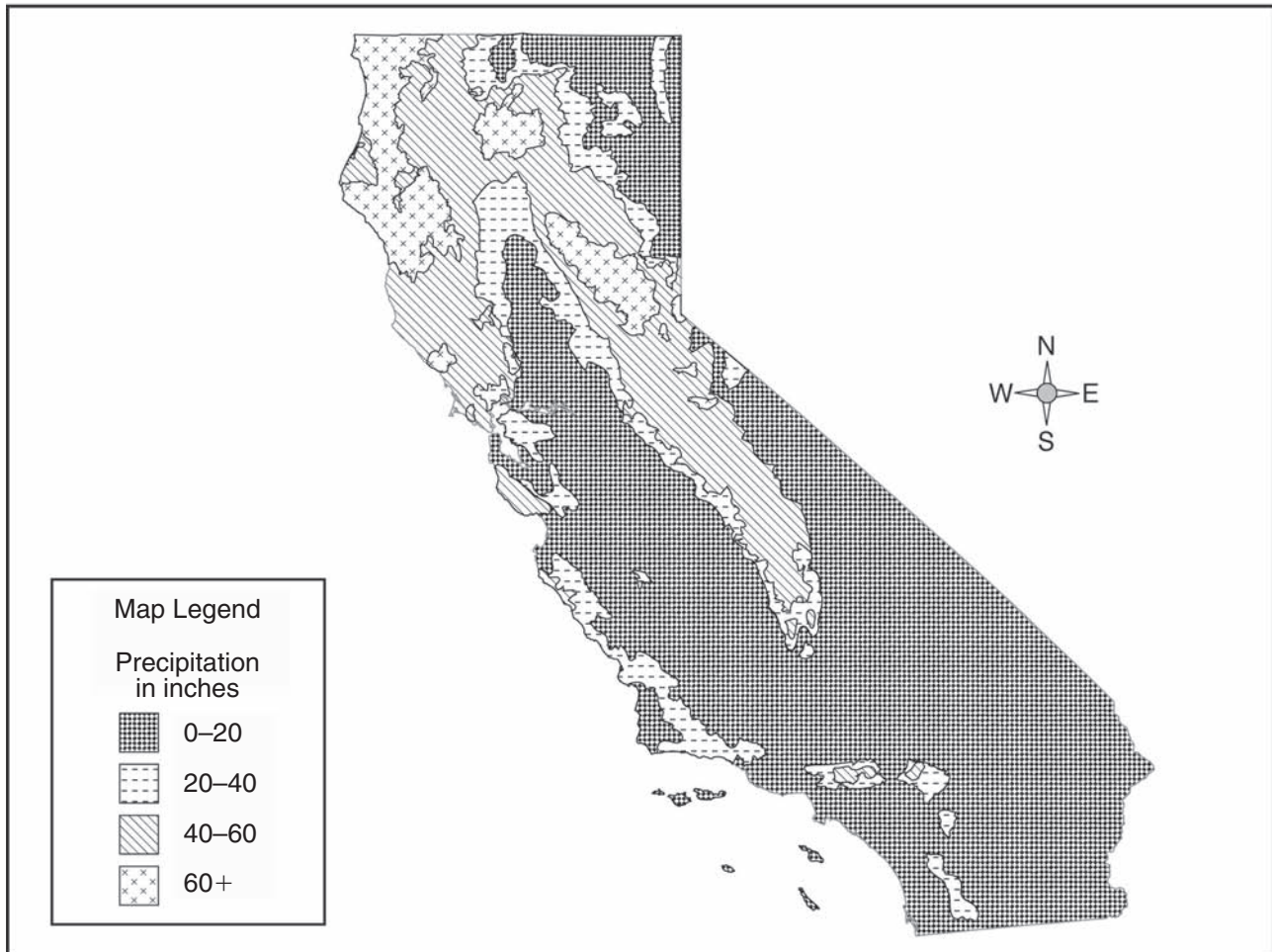
- F** economic
- G** cultural
- H** environmental
- J** political

Virginia



Richmond, Virginia, developed as a site —

- A** adjacent to coal fields
- B** near mountain passes
- C** along the coast
- D** at the fall line

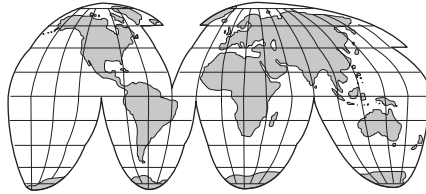
Average Precipitation in California, 1961–1990

This thematic map would be *most* useful to a —

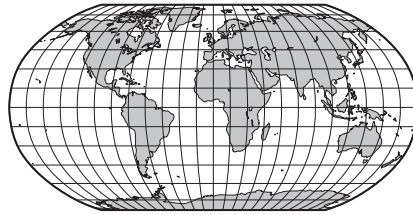
- F** manufacturer
- G** lawyer
- H** fisher
- J** farmer

9 Which pair of countries shares a common language?

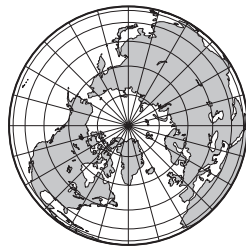
- A** France and Colombia
- B** Germany and Egypt
- C** Italy and Cambodia
- D** Portugal and Brazil



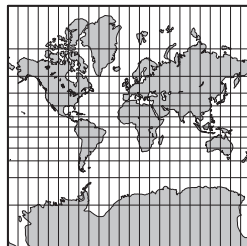
Goode's Interrupted Equal-Area



Robinson



Polar



Mercator

The Southern Hemisphere is visible on how many of these map projections?

- F** One
- G** Two
- H** Three
- J** Four

11 Technological improvements in housing materials allow people to live —

- A** closer to schools
- B** in larger homes
- C** closer to urban areas
- D** in various environments

12 Which of the following push factors caused millions of people to flee their homes in Bosnia during the early 1990s?

- F** Religious persecution
- G** Environmental pollution
- H** Overpopulation
- J** Lack of job opportunities

13 Geographers use pictures taken by remote sensing devices for all of the following *EXCEPT* —

- A** monitoring pollution
- B** calculating death rates
- C** forecasting weather
- D** studying traffic patterns

Black Sea Area



Istanbul's relative location, shown on this map, contributed to its importance by allowing the city to control the —

- F** oceans
- G** rivers
- H** straits
- J** plains

15 The introduction in South Asia of new types of high-yield rice and wheat is called the —

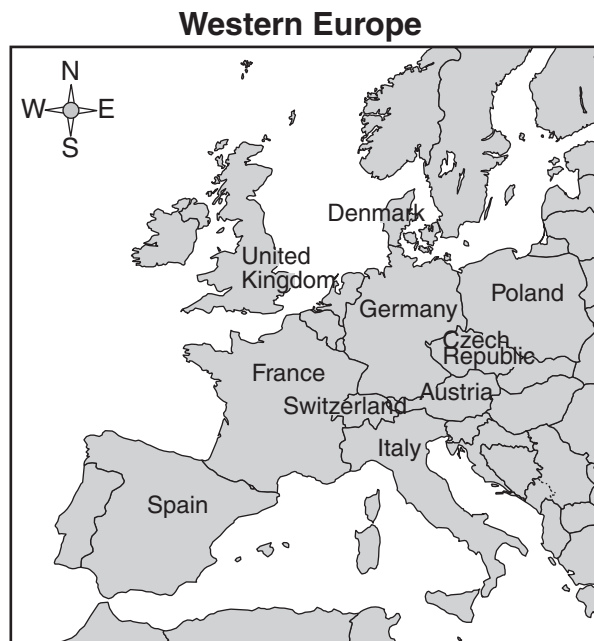
- A** green market
- B** green revolution
- C** greenhouse effect
- D** greenbelt movement

16 Seismic monitoring provides a way of minimizing the impact of which of the following natural hazards?

- F** Tornadoes
- G** Hurricanes
- H** Floods
- J** Earthquakes

- 17 In eastern Canada, damage has been caused to trees, plants, fish, and buildings by pollutants from factories. This type of pollution is called —
- A acid rain
 - B the ozone layer
 - C the greenhouse effect
 - D mercury poisoning

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According to the information in this map, which languages are *most* likely spoken by a majority of the people of Switzerland?

- F Danish, German, and Polish
- G English, French, and Spanish
- H French, German, and Italian
- J English, Italian, and Spanish

Eurasia, 1950



Eurasia, 1997



The *most* likely reason for the differences in the two maps is the —

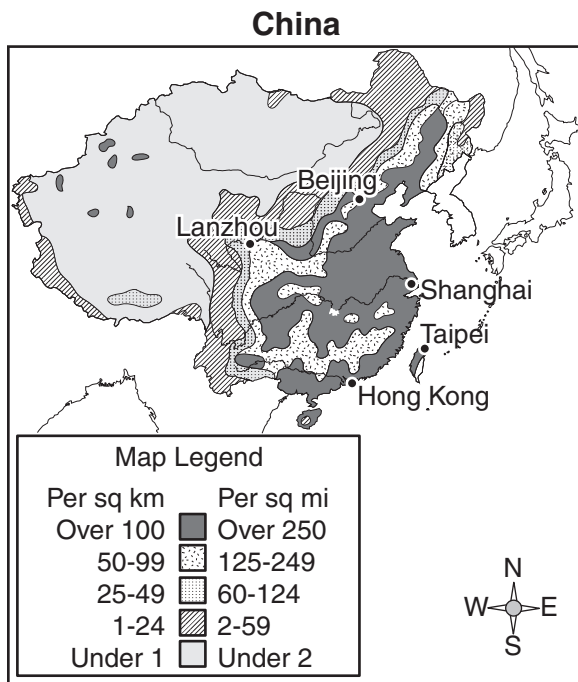
- A expanded military power of the old Soviet Union
- B collapse of the Soviet Union
- C gradual lessening of ethnic loyalties in the former Soviet Union
- D successful attempts by the former Soviet Union to crush nationalistic sentiments

20 Humanitarian responses to natural disasters led to the creation of the —

- F** United Nations (UN)
- G** European Union (EU)
- H** Red Cross/Red Crescent
- J** Commonwealth of Nations

21 The uneven distribution of natural resources on the Earth is being balanced through —

- A** population distribution
- B** world trade
- C** forced sharing
- D** bartering



This map is *most* useful to determine —

- F** total population
- G** natural resources
- H** population density
- J** distribution of cities

**Selected Quality of Life
Indicators**

Urban Population	34%
Population Growth Rate	2.5%
Population Under 15 Years	45%
Life Expectancy (in years)	38
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 births)	114

Which country would *most* likely be represented by the information in the table?

- A** Australia
- B** France
- C** Ethiopia
- D** Japan

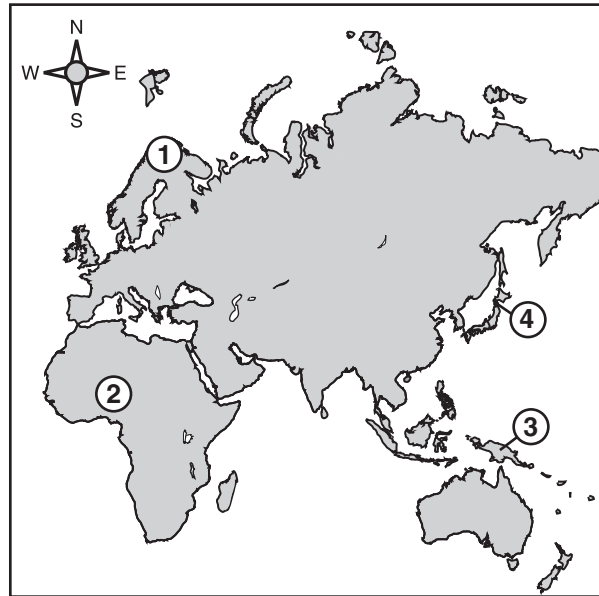
Mississippi River



The source of the Mississippi River is closest to —

- F** Bemidji, Minnesota
- G** Cairo, Illinois
- H** New Orleans, Louisiana
- J** St. Louis, Missouri

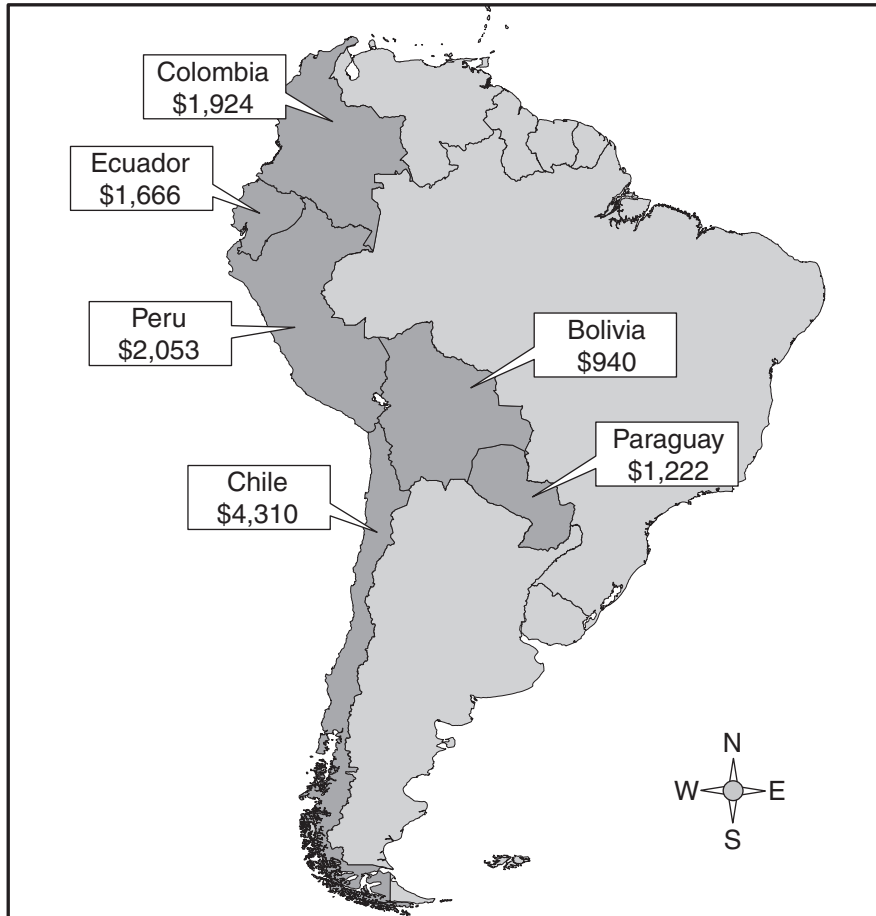
Eastern Hemisphere



Which region is currently undergoing the process of desertification?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

**Per Capita GDP of Selected
South American Countries, 2002**



Based on the information on this map, which of the following statements about economic activity is correct?

- F** Coastal countries have limited access to natural resources.
- G** These countries have similar access to human resources.
- H** These countries have similar access to modern technologies.
- J** Landlocked countries have limited access to trade routes.

27 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, owes its growth and prosperity to the —

- A** steel industry
- B** aircraft industry
- C** computer industry
- D** automobile industry

28 Money is an example of a —

- F** nonrenewable resource
- G** natural resource
- H** capital resource
- J** labor resource

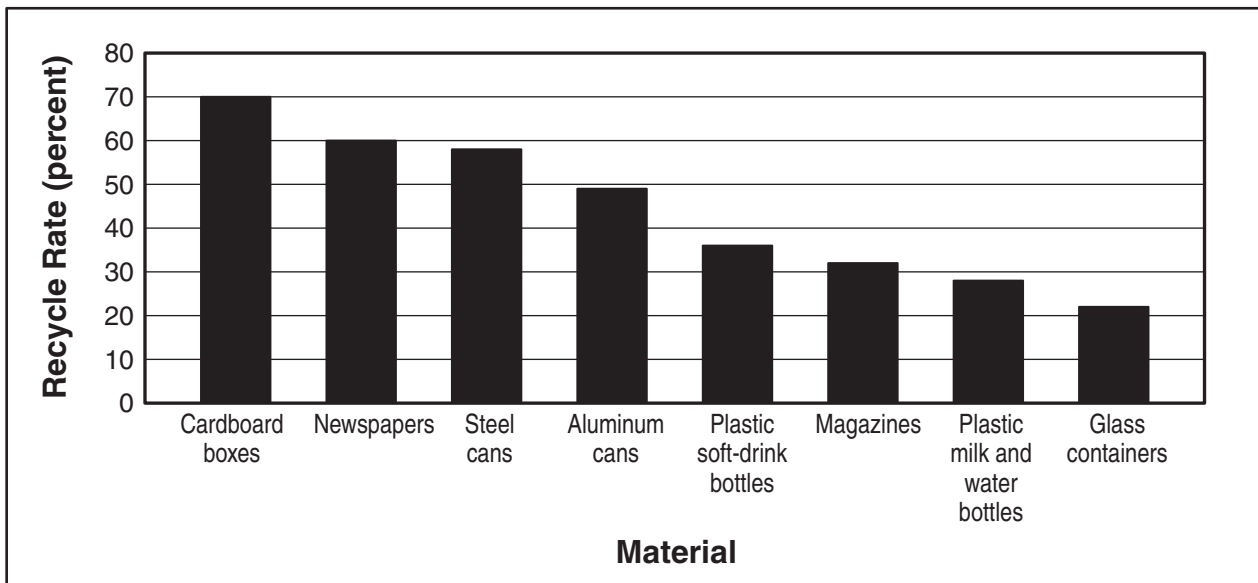
29 In the United States, no new nuclear power generators have been constructed since 1996, *primarily* because of the —

- A** concerns over the issue of safety
- B** discovery of vast oil deposits
- C** opposition from coal miners
- D** low cost of generating electricity

30 A boat sailing on the Seine River is in —

- F** Spain
- G** Italy
- H** Poland
- J** France

United States Recycling Rates, 2001



Based on the information in this table, which materials are *most* commonly recycled?

- A Wood products
- B Metal products
- C Plastics
- D Glass

Carcassonne, France



Based on the photograph, this city was designed to serve as a center for —

- F** trade
- G** religion
- H** security
- J** administration

33 The Brazilian government is struggling against miners, ranchers, and farmers to preserve what type of ecosystem?

- A** Rain forests
- B** Savannas
- C** Wetlands
- D** Chaparrals

34 The greater the country's level of economic development, the —

- F** lower the cost of living
- G** higher the agricultural labor force
- H** lower the urban population
- J** higher the quality of life

1998

Country	Population	Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per Capita
Bahrain	600 thousand	\$13,000
Italy	58 million	\$19,600
Pakistan	140 million	\$2,300
Singapore	3.5 million	\$21,200

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is an oil-rich state with many jobs to fill. Which country in the table is *most* likely to be the source of large numbers of immigrants to the UAE?

- A Bahrain
- B Italy
- C Pakistan
- D Singapore

36 Which of the following factors has slowed India's economic development and prevented improvement in the people's standard of living?

- F An aging population
- G Lack of energy resources
- H Plentiful natural resources
- J A high population growth rate



This image represents Jim's —

- A directional indicator
- B absolute location
- C map orientation
- D mental map

**Regional Manufacturing Jobs,
1970 and 1984**

State	1970	1984
Indiana	717,420	630,023
Michigan	1,082,044	958,282
Ohio	1,421,623	1,139,584
Pennsylvania	1,543,859	1,142,821

As a result of this economic trend, what name has been given to this manufacturing region?

- F** Sun Belt
- G** Rust Belt
- H** Wheat Belt
- J** Cotton Belt

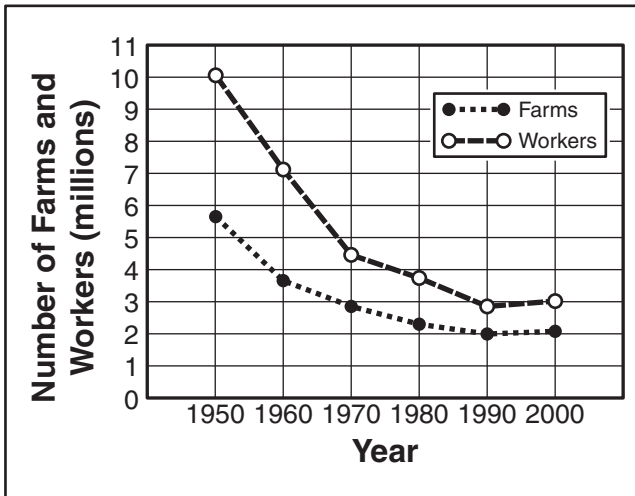
39 The European Union (EU) was formed *primarily* to provide —

- A** emergency assistance for sub-Saharan countries
- B** economic cooperation between members
- C** common military defense for members
- D** political power to rival the United States

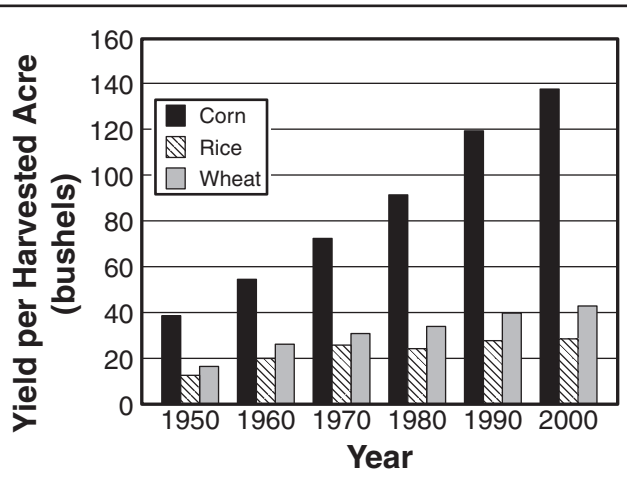
- 40 Farmers in Southeast Asia have adapted mountainous areas for agricultural use by —**
- F** building levees
 - G** constructing terraces
 - H** practicing crop rotation
 - J** developing contour cultivation

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**Farms and Workers
in the United States, 1950–2000**



**United States Harvests for
Selected Crops, 1950–2000**



Which *most* likely caused the trends shown in these graphs?

- A** Advanced agricultural technologies
- B** Improved transportation systems
- C** Increased agricultural imports
- D** Expanded suburban areas

42 The ancient Incan city located in the Andes Mountains of Peru is —

- F Machu Picchu
- G Chichén Itzá
- H Tenochtitlán
- J Teotihuacan

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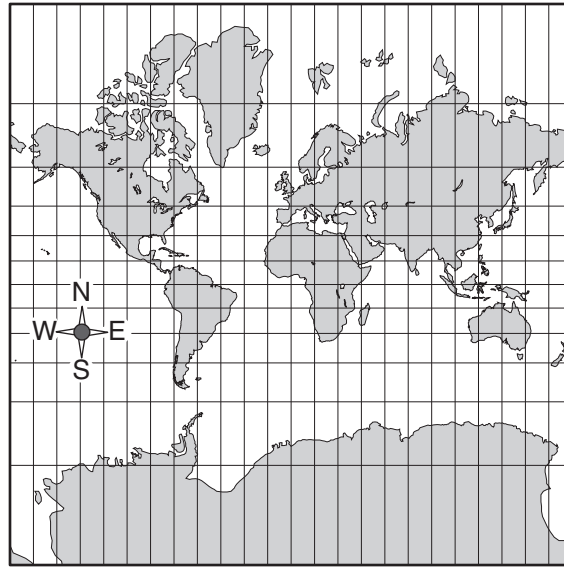
**Imports and Exports
of European Countries
(1993)**

Country	Principal Export	Principal Import
United Kingdom	Oil	Electrical Machinery
Luxembourg	Steel	Oil
Norway	Oil	Machinery
Portugal	Clothing	Oil
Romania	Machinery	Oil

According to the information in the chart, which two countries are economically interdependent and would make the *most* effective trading partners?

- A United Kingdom and Portugal
- B Luxembourg and Romania
- C Romania and Norway
- D Norway and Portugal

The World



On the map, land areas are *most* distorted at the —

- F equator
- G high latitudes
- H prime meridian
- J middle latitudes

45 The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a political and military alliance with members *primarily* from Western European nations and the —

- A United States
- B Dominican Republic
- C United Arab Emirates
- D Central African Republic

**Per Capita Gross
Domestic Product (GDP)
for Selected Countries**

Country	Per Capita GDP
Chile	\$9,900
Egypt	\$3,900
Greece	\$19,900
Philippines	\$925

Which country *most* likely relies on primary economic activities?

- F** Chile
- G** Egypt
- H** Greece
- J** Philippines

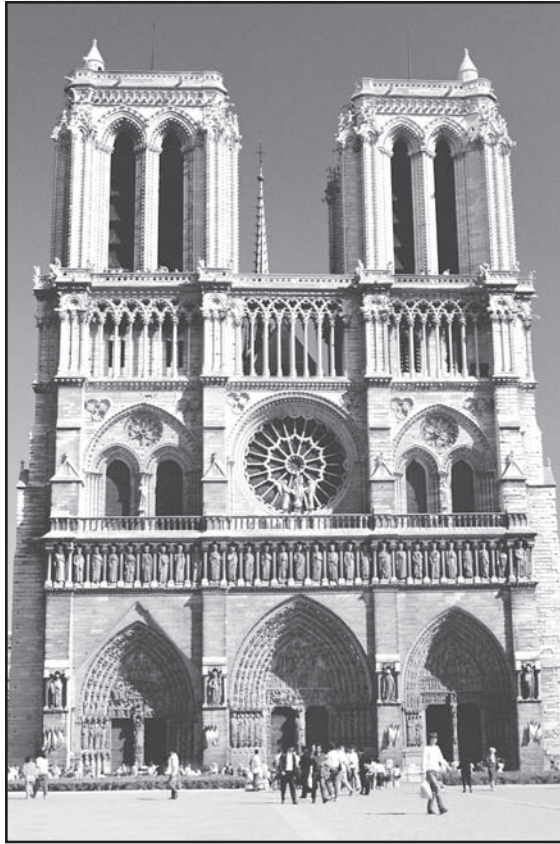
47 Which technology has promoted globalization?

- A** Electronic investigations
- B** Airline security systems
- C** Internet communications
- D** Computerized assembly lines

48 Which country benefits *most* from a major economic alliance with the United States?

- F** Chile
- G** Brazil
- H** Mexico
- J** Guatemala

Notre Dame



With which religion is the structure in this photograph associated?

- A** Hinduism
- B** Christianity
- C** Judaism
- D** Buddhism

50 All of the following are demographic factors used in determining the total population of a country EXCEPT —

- F** birth rate
- G** marriage rate
- H** death rate
- J** immigration

51 Which country has a history of the *most* ethnic conflict?

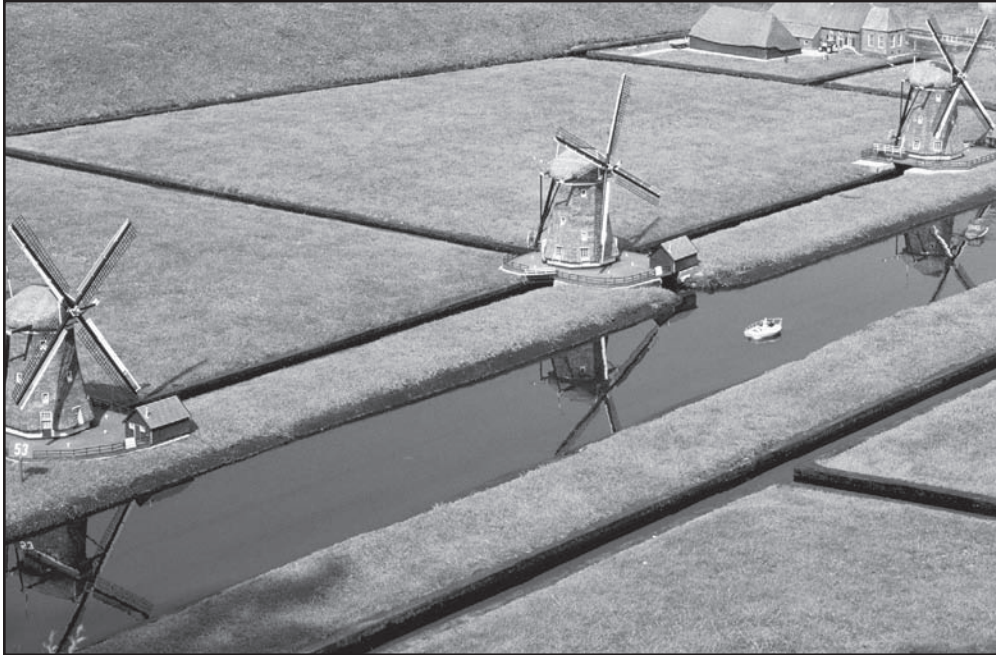
- A** Brazil
- B** Canada
- C** Australia
- D** Yugoslavia

Western Europe



Which of the following peninsulas does the "X" on the map represent?

- F** Iberian
- G** Italian
- H** Jutland
- J** Scandinavian



Systems of canals and pumps like the ones shown in this photograph have created polders in —

- A** Italy
- B** Spain
- C** the Netherlands
- D** the United Kingdom

54 The chernozem of Russia is a type of —

- F** soil
- G** icon
- H** ballet
- J** mineral



The use of this advertisement in Russia is a result of —

- A cultural diffusion
- B trademark violations
- C advanced technology
- D environmental concerns

56 One of the factors that contributed to Japan’s industrial growth during much of the 20th century was that it benefited from having —

- F** sources of investment capital
- G** areas of fertile farmland
- H** supplies of fossil fuels
- J** deposits of iron ore

57 Which of the following factors significantly contributes to the shrinking of the Aral Sea?

- A** Erosion
- B** Irrigation
- C** Pollution
- D** Sedimentation

**United States Gross Domestic
Product (GDP) in 1998**

Industry	Dollars (in billions)
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	125.2
Mining	105.9
Construction	373.2
Manufacturing	1,432.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	759.1
Wholesale Trade	613.8
Retail Trade	781.9
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,674.2
Services	1,841.3

Which of the following *best* summarizes the information in the table?

- F** The United States economy is diverse.
- G** The economy of the United States is based on agriculture.
- H** The United States economy is dependent on imports.
- J** The economy of the United States is based on manufacturing.



The monument pictured is found in —

- A** Egypt
- B** China
- C** Turkey
- D** India

60 Which country is characterized by peaceful relationships between its different ethnic groups?

- F** Nigeria
- G** Cyprus
- H** Rwanda
- J** Switzerland



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World Geography, Core 1

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