



Final Fifth Grade Exam in Geography

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(From *Across the USA and Around the World*):

1. What is a large flat area with steep drops on both sides?
a) an isthmus b) a plateau c) a basin d) a valley
2. What is created when a river flows into a larger body of water?
a) a delta b) an isthmus c) a strait d) a dam
3. Why do farmers in some places use more irrigation systems than farmers in other places?
4. What is true about the Equator and the Prime Meridian?
a) They are parallel b) They are perpendicular c) They never intersect
5. How many time zones exist on Earth?
a) 4 b) 12 c) 24 d) 48
6. What type of direction uses terms such as “near,” “behind,” “beside,” “in front of,” and “on the other side of” to describe locations?
a) absolute location b) relative location c) exact location
7. Why does the Cumberland Plateau experience weather cooler than the weather to the east and west of it?

FILL OUT the Map with the state abbreviations. (See list of abbreviations on the next page.)



Abbreviations for the 48 mainland states

Alabama	AL	Maine	ME	Ohio	OH
Arizona	AZ	Maryland	MD	Oklahoma	OK
Arkansas	AR	Massachusetts	MA	Oregon	OR
California	CA	Michigan	MI	Pennsylvania	PA
Colorado	CO	Minnesota	MN	Rhode Island	RI
Connecticut	CT	Mississippi	MS	South Carolina	SC
Delaware	DE	Missouri	MO	South Dakota	SD
Florida	FL	Montana	MT	Tennessee	TN
Georgia	GA	Nebraska	NE	Texas	TX
Idaho	ID	Nevada	NV	Utah	UT
Illinois	IL	New Hampshire	NH	Vermont	VT
Indiana	IN	New Jersey	NJ	Virginia	VA
Iowa	IA	New Mexico	NM	Washington	WA
Kansas	KS	New York	NY	West Virginia	WV
Kentucky	KY	North Carolina	NC	Wisconsin	WI
Louisiana	LA	North Dakota	ND	Wyoming	W

8. What was the capital of the United States when Tennessee became a state?

- a) Washington D.C. b) Richmond, VA c) New York City d) Philadelphia, PA

9. In what northeastern state does the Appalachian Trail begin?

- a) Maine b) New York c) New Hampshire d) Pennsylvania

10. What crop dominates the Midwest?

- a) cotton b) tobacco c) corn d) tomatoes

11. Why is Kansas deceptively flat?

12. In what state is the Grand Canyon located?

- a) Colorado b) Arizona c) New Mexico d) Texas

13. What river forms the border between the United States and Mexico for more than a thousand miles?

- a) The Missouri b) The Mississippi c) The Colorado d) The Rio Grande

21. Other than North America, what continent are Americans mostly likely to visit?
a) South America b) Asia c) Europe d) Africa
22. Why do most Americans speak English?
a) Because English is the easiest language to learn.
b) Because the United States started as colonies of England.
c) Because so many people from England, Scotland and Ireland have moved here.
23. From what language does the word “ville” come from, in the words Nashville, Huntsville, and Jacksonville?
a) French b) Italian c) Spanish d) Russian
24. What country has the highest population and produces more oil than any other country in Africa?
a) Sudan b) Algeria c) Nigeria d) Egypt
25. What two major bodies of water does the Suez Canal connect?
26. What country has the highest population on Earth?
a) China b) Russia c) the United States d) India
27. What was the rivalry between the Soviet Union (now called Russia) and the United State called in the late 1900s?
a) World War II b) The Cold War c) The Great Battle d) the Vietnam War
28. What are examples of prominent places on the globe that are called different things by different people?
a) The Sea of Japan
b) The Mediterranean Sea
c) The Gulf of Mexico
d) All of the above
29. What enormous coral reef system lies off the coast of Australia?
a) The Marianas Trench b) the Great Barrier Reef c) the Belize Barrier Reef
30. In what month of the year are scientists more likely to visit Antarctica?
a) April b) June b) August c) December