

Across the USA (2027 edition)

Quiz Answers

Chapter One: Peninsulas and Plateaus

1. A mountain is bigger than a hill.
2. desert
3. A canyon is deeper and has steeper sides than a canyon. (Knoxville lies in a valley. But the valley in which Knoxville lies is not nearly as deep and with sides as steep as the Grand Canyon.)
- 4 and 5. Answers to this question will vary.

Chapter Two: A Wet Planet

1. A person can't drink water right out of the ocean because it is too salty. If you drink water from the ocean, your body loses more water to absorb the salt than it takes in. (p. 8)
2. This question actually has two answers: gulf and bay, depending on the size of the body of water. (pp. 8-9)
3. River (p. 9)
4. Sea (p. 9)
5. Yes; in the early 1800s a canal was proposed that would have connected the Ocoee River, which is a tributary of the Tennessee River, to the Conasauga River, which flows south to the Coosa River and eventually to the Gulf of Mexico. The canal might have changed East Tennessee, especially the city of Knoxville, in terms of trade, but it was never dug.

Chapter Three: Boundaries and Bridges

1. Boundary, or border (p. 13)
2. In general, a highway is wider and busier than a road. (p. 14)
3. Answers to this question will vary. This is a good chance for students to think about their proximity to lakes and to recognize the fact that most lakes in Tennessee are man-made.

4. Because it rains more in some areas than it does in others. (p. 18)

Chapter Four: Pinpointing the Globe

(These numbers are estimates, rounded off to the nearest degree).

1. Miami, Florida is around 26 degrees North, 80 degrees West.
2. London, England is around 52 degrees North, 0 degrees longitude.
3. Tokyo, Japan is around 36 degrees North, 140 degrees East.
4. Sydney, Australia is around 34 degrees South, 151 degrees East.
5. New York City
6. Johannesburg, South Africa
7. Nashville
8. The island nation of Fiji

Chapter Five: Giving Direction

1. Answers will vary; Answers will vary; Philip Fulmer is west of the stadium; Ayers Hall is north of the stadium. (p. 27)
2. Phone get their navigation information from satellites that hover about 12,000 miles above Earth. (p. 29)
3. Dark red (p. 30)

Chapter Six: Physical Regions of Tennessee

1. There are so many big trees in Memphis because the Gulf Coastal Plain is covered with a thick layer of rich soil. (p. 32)
2. The temperature in Crossville is cooler than the temperature in Nashville because Crossville is much higher in elevation than Nashville (about 1,300 feet)
3. Valley and Ridge (pp. 35-36)
4. TRUE (pp. 36-37)

Chapter Seven: Southeast

2. The Mississippi River (p. 39)
3. Tropical wetlands (p. 40)
4. alligators (p. 40)
5. Huntsville, because of the Space Program, called NASA (p. 41)

Chapter Eight: Mid-Atlantic

2. Some of the places mentioned in this workbook are the U.S. Capitol; the White House; the Washington Monument; Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Memorial; Yorktown; Mount Vernon; Monticello; Montpelier; Baltimore Harbor; Philadelphia; Independence Hall; the Liberty Bell; Baltimore Harbor; and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. (pp. 43-46)
3. Memphis (p. 46)

Chapter Nine: Land of Small States

2. Most of the northeastern states are small because most of them were originally started as separate colonies of England (p. 49)
3. The name is odd because Rhode Island is not an island! (pp. 48-49)
4. Mount Washington (p. 50)

Chapter 10: Midwest

2. Wisconsin claims to have 15,074 lakes, and Minnesota claims to have 11,842. But because each state has a different definition of “lake” Minnesota claims it has more lakes than Wisconsin. (pp. 54-55)
3. Corn, corn and corn (pp. 54-55)

Chapter 11: Mountains and Plains

2. It would be easier to ride a bike across Kansas heading west to east rather than heading east to west, because even though it looks flat, western Kansas is about 3,000 feet higher than eastern Kansas. (p. 58)

3. A geyser is like a volcano, but it’s smaller and its “underground plumbing” is shallower than a volcano.

Chapter 12: Pacific West

Teaching note: The photo on page 49 is of Cape Flattery, in Washington. Look this up on a map to see where this is. It is the furthest northwest point in the mainland US!

2. A raincoat, and umbrella and a camera!
3. Water, emergency food supply, water, blanket, sunscreen, water, flashlight, more water, walking shoes, water.

Chapter 13: Alaska and Hawaii

1. Inuits
2. Seafood and oil
3. 1893
4. Tourism

Chapter 14: How People Live

1. Northeast, Mountains and Plains, Midwest
2. Northeast, Pacific West, Mid-Atlantic
3. Midwest
4. Northeast, Pacific West, Midwest
5. Pacific West or Hawaii