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# U.S. Landforms Study Guide

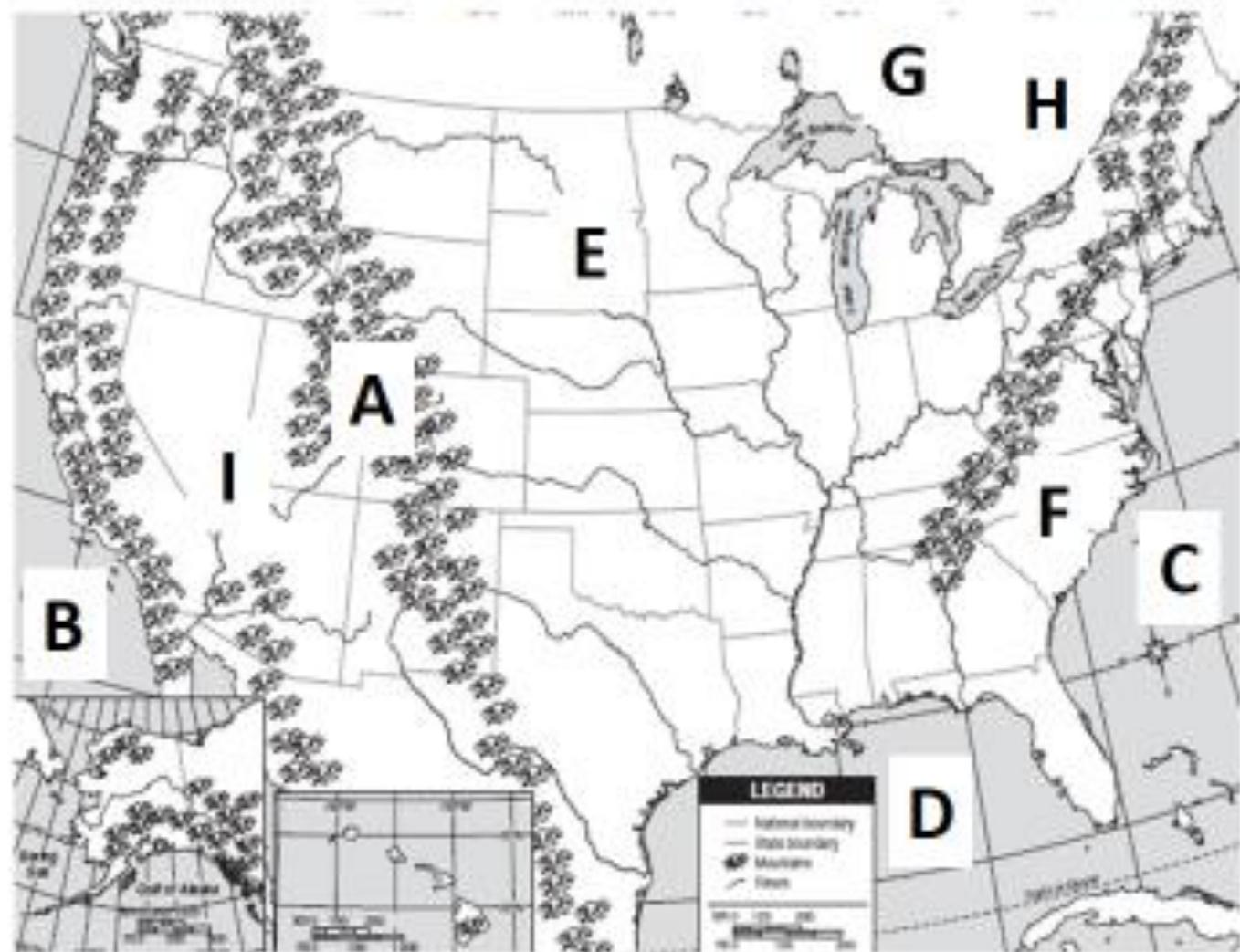
You will need to know the following information for your U.S. Landforms Quiz.

- **Continental Divide**- an imaginary line formed by the highest peaks of the rocky Mountains that separates eastward flowing streams from westward flowing streams
- **Death Valley**- one of the hottest and driest locations in North America. Temperature is known to reach about 120 degrees Fahrenheit
- **Great Plains**- flat area located east of the Rocky Mountains. Contains grasslands with no trees and is mostly used for farming and ranching
- **Atlantic Coastal Plain**- flat lowland that extends down the eastern coast of the U.S. It has excellent harbors, and is good for farming since it receives a good amount of rain
- **Great Lakes**- five freshwater lakes located in the northern part of the Midwest region. HOMES is often used as the acronym to remember their names
- **Great Basin**- located west of the Rocky Mountains and includes valleys, lakes, and mountain ranges. Water is unable to drain to the sea.
- **St. Lawrence River**- Great Lakes drain into this river, which flows through northeast Canada and serves as a major transportation route for large ships bringing goods into Canada and the United States
- **Atlantic Ocean**- body of salt water located off the east coast of North America
- **Pacific Ocean**- body of salt water located off the west coast of North America
- **Gulf of Mexico**- a warm body of water that lies between the eastern coast of Mexico and the western coast of Florida
- **New York City**- largest city in the U.S. It is considered to be the world center of finance and business
- **Erie Canal**- man-made waterway that links Lake Erie with the Hudson River
- **Philadelphia**- largest city in Pennsylvania. It is often called the "birthplace of the nation" because both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were written here
- **Boston**- located on a harbor at the mouth of Charles River. It is the capital of Massachusetts.

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You will need to know the location of the each landform on a map .



- A- Continental Divide/ Rocky Mountains
- B- Pacific Ocean
- C- Atlantic Ocean
- D- Gulf of Mexico
- E- Great Plains
- F- Atlantic Coastal Plain
- G- Great Lakes
- H- St. Lawrence River
- I- Death Valley/ Great Basin