

ACTIVITY ★ WORKBOOK

Chapter 1

Land of Contrasts

UNDERSTANDING VOCABULARY AND KEY TERMS

Use your textbook to match the description at the right with the term at the left. Write the correct letter on the lines at the left.

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| _____ 1. absolute location | a. relationships linking people to their surroundings |
| _____ 2. aquifer | b. process related to the movement of people, ideas, and ways of life |
| _____ 3. cultural diffusion | c. long cliff that may follow a fault line |
| _____ 4. diameter | d. exact position of a place on Earth's surface, identified by longitude and latitude |
| _____ 5. plateau | e. having to do with place, locations, interactions, and why, where, and how people live |
| _____ 6. geography | f. tableland |
| _____ 7. escarpment | g. position of a place with respect to another place, often identified by direction and distance |
| _____ 8. middle latitude | h. underground water reservoir |
| _____ 9. human-environment interaction | i. a region halfway between Equator and the Poles |
| _____ 10. relative location | j. distance across a circle dividing it exactly in half |

CHECKING UNDERSTANDING

Answer the questions on the lines provided.

1. What is the difference between location, place, and region?

2. What are some major natural resources in Texas?

3. How does its location near the Gulf of Mexico influence the climate of Texas?

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Building Skills Understanding a Map Key Study the map and use the map key to answer the following questions.

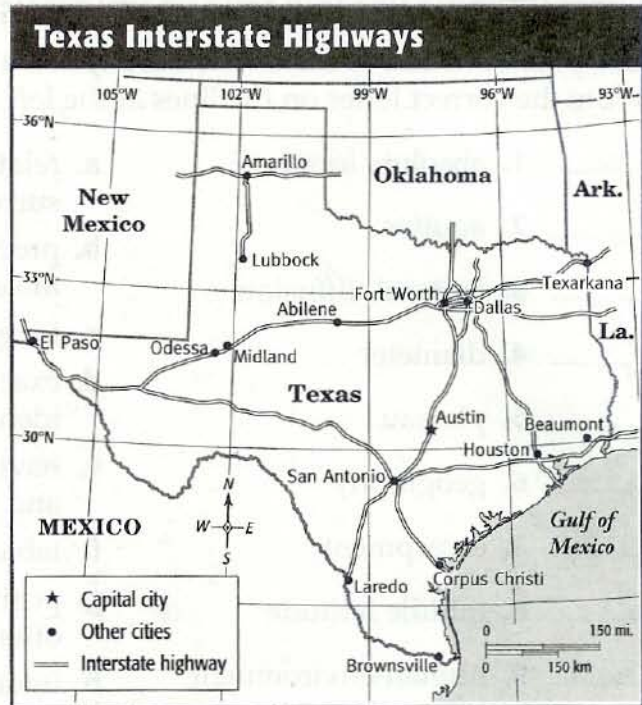
1. What is the closest city to San Antonio directly connected by interstate highway?

2. What is the distance between Amarillo and Lubbock?

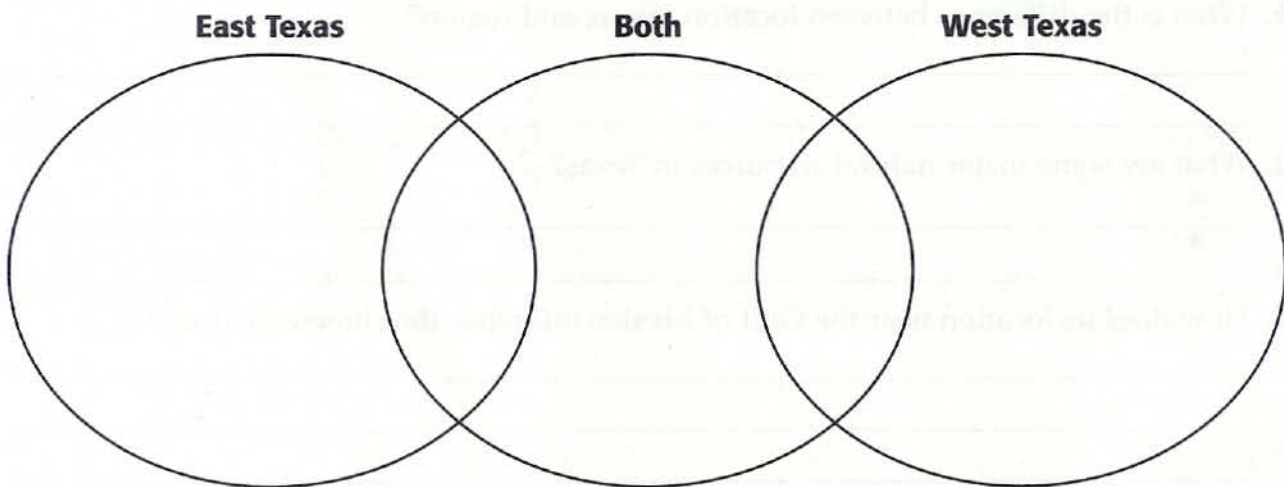
3. Which direction is the state capital from Corpus Christi?

4. From Texarkana, which direction would you head and how far would you travel before reaching Dallas?

5. To reach El Paso from Laredo on the interstate highways shown on the map, which directions and through which cities would you travel?



Critical Thinking Comparing and Contrasting Use the Venn diagram below to list facts that compare and contrast the physical geography of East and West Texas.



ACTIVITY ★ WORKBOOK**Chapter 2****Regions of Texas****UNDERSTANDING VOCABULARY AND KEY TERMS**

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| _____ 1. natural region | a. dry period of far less than normal precipitation, often causing extensive crop damage |
| _____ 2. drought | b. products made from crude oil or natural gas |
| _____ 3. basin | c. sediments deposited by river water |
| _____ 4. geographic subsection | d. factories in Mexico that assemble parts made in the United States and other countries |
| _____ 5. petrochemicals | e. sunken area in a plateau found between mountain ranges |
| _____ 6. agribusiness | f. the wearing away of Earth's surface by the movement of water, wind, ice, and gravity |
| _____ 7. alluvial soils | g. large companies that grow, produce, and market agricultural products, supplies, and equipment |
| _____ 8. butte | h. an area that has specific similarities in vegetation, wildlife, and natural resources |
| _____ 9. erosion | i. a small, flat-topped hill |
| _____ 10. <i>maquiladoras</i> | j. an area that has distinct landforms |

CHECKING UNDERSTANDING

Answer each question on the lines provided.

1. Name the four natural regions of Texas.

2. What factors contribute to the importance of Houston as Texas's largest city?

3. What industries are important to the economy of the Grand Prairie?

4. Why is ranching the main economic activity in the Edwards Plateau?

5. How do *maquiladoras* work? _____

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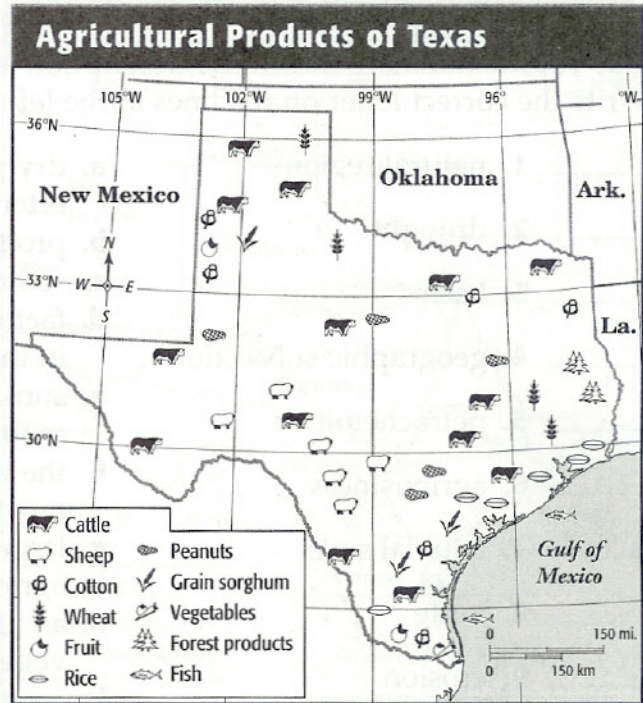
Building Skills **Reading an Economic Map** Study the map, and then answer the questions.

1. According to the map, what kinds of grain are grown in Texas?

2. What agricultural products are produced in the Texas Panhandle?

3. What is the largest crop grown along the coast of the Coastal Plain?

4. In what part of Texas are forests an important economic resource?



Critical Thinking **Comparing and Contrasting** Write details about the physical characteristics of the four natural regions of Texas in each section of the chart. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, write two paragraphs that compare and contrast the natural regions.

Coastal Plains	North Central Plains
Great Plains	Mountains and Basins