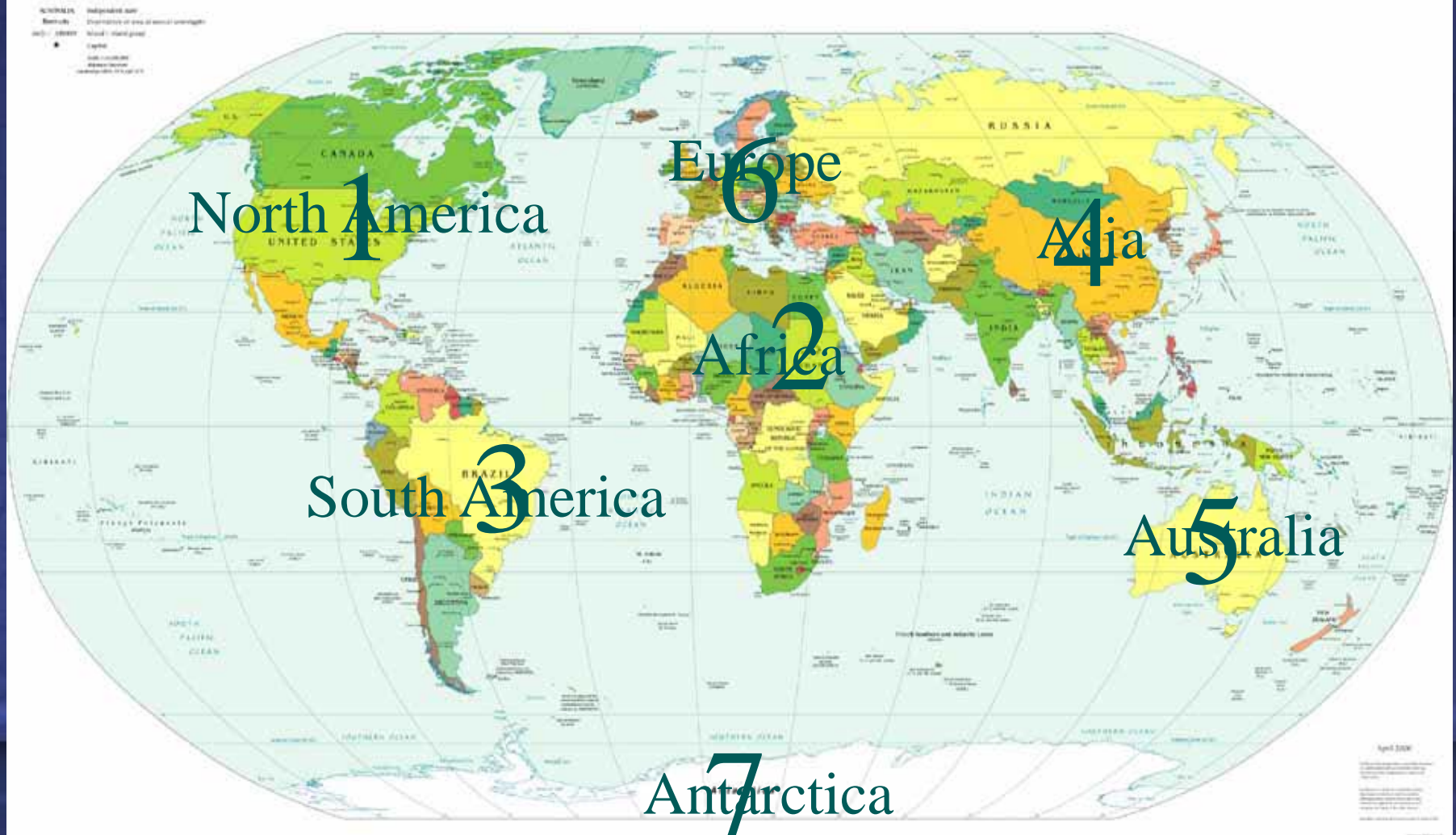


Regional Geography of The United States

An Interactive Presentation

Name That Continent

Political Map of the World, April 2000



The Four Oceans

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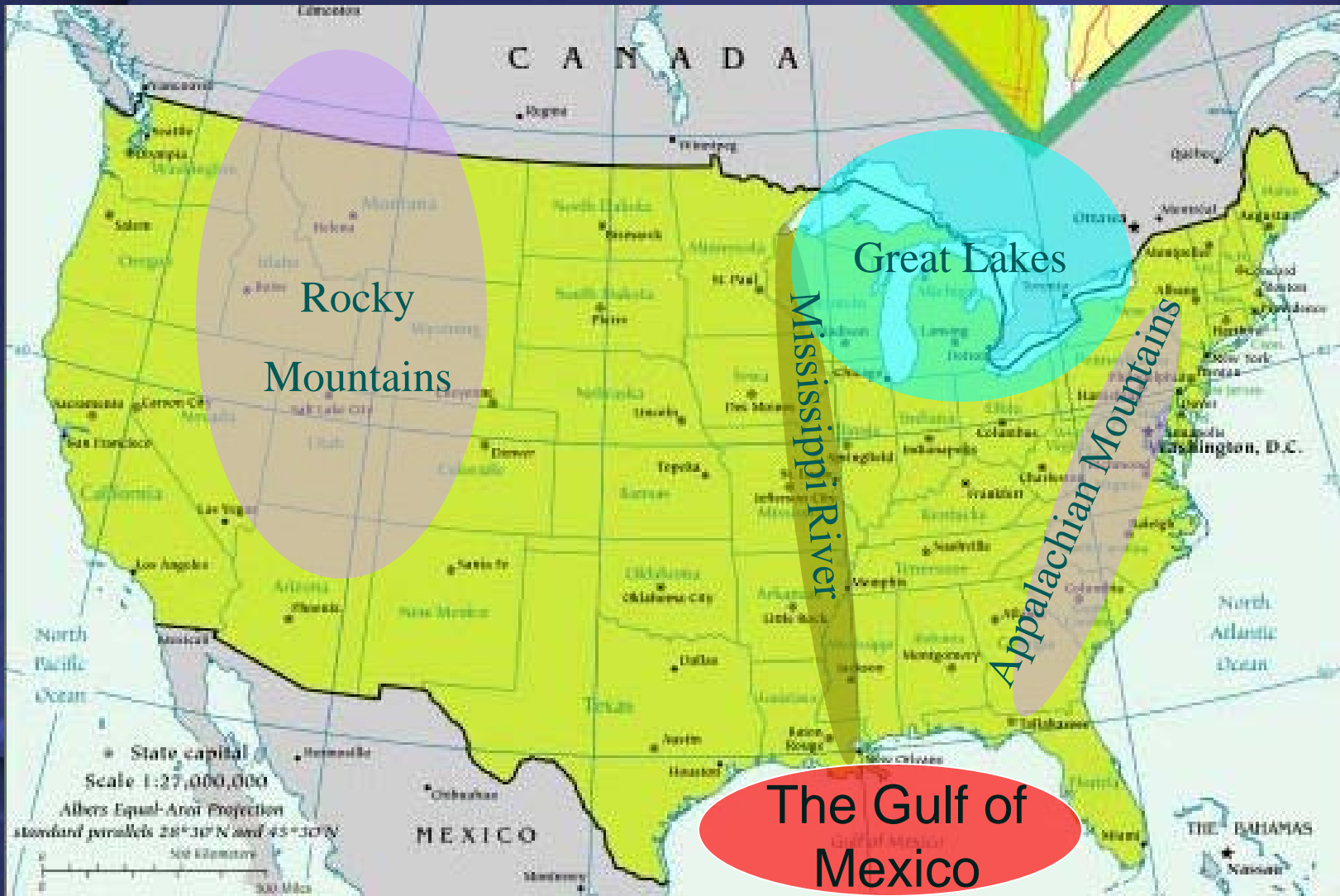


Large Bodies of Water

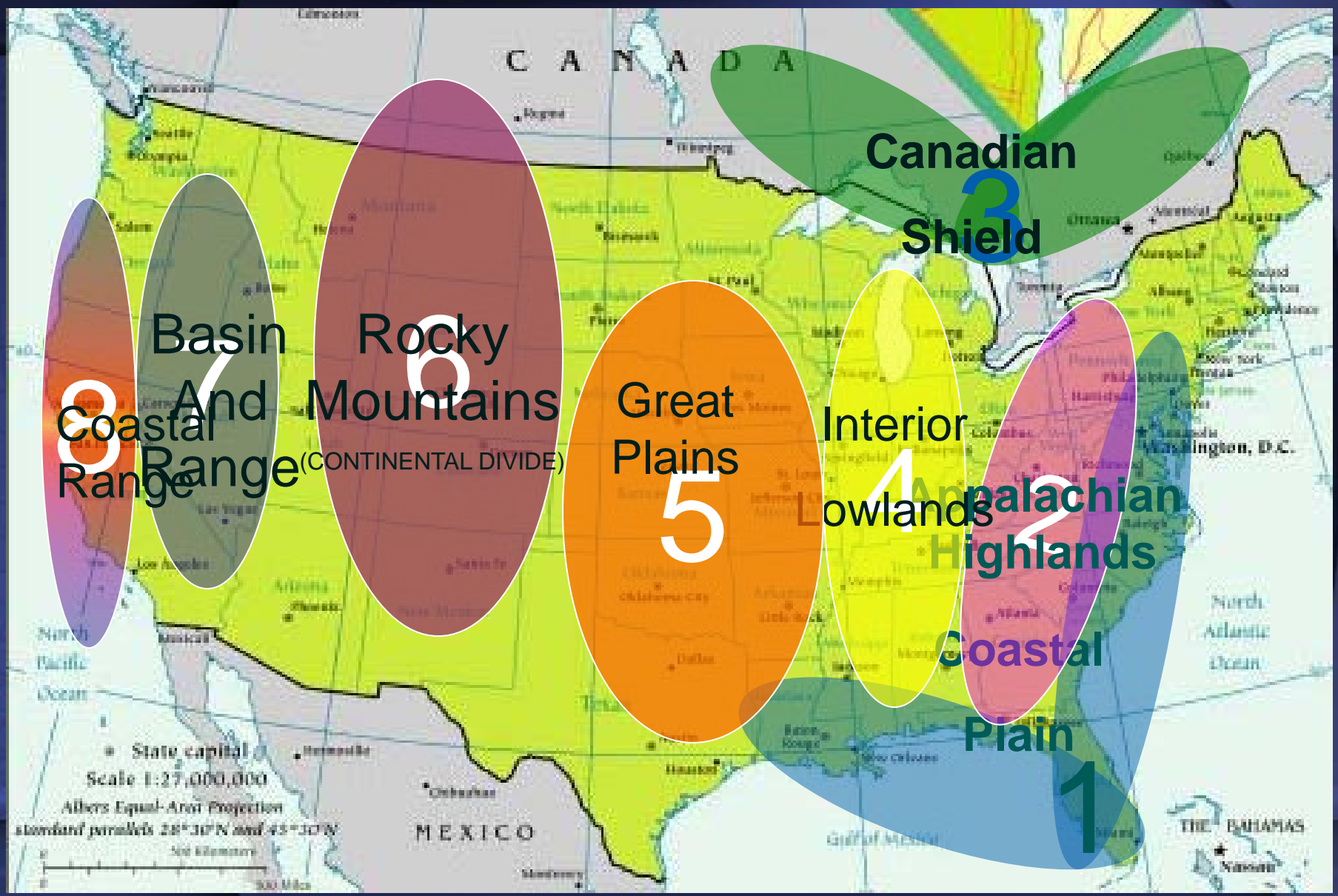
- The location of the United States, with its Atlantic and Pacific coasts, has provided access to other areas of the world.
- The Atlantic Ocean served as the highway for explorers, early settlers, and later immigrants.
- The Pacific Ocean was an early exploration route.
- The Gulf of Mexico provided the French and Spanish with exploration routes to Mexico and other parts of America.
- Bodies of water support interaction among regions, form borders, and create links to other areas.

The United States

Where are The Appalachian Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, The Mississippi River and The Great Lakes?



Name That Region



Canadian
Shield
3

8
Coastal
Range

7
Basin
And
Range

6
Rocky
Mountains
(CONTINENTAL DIVIDE)

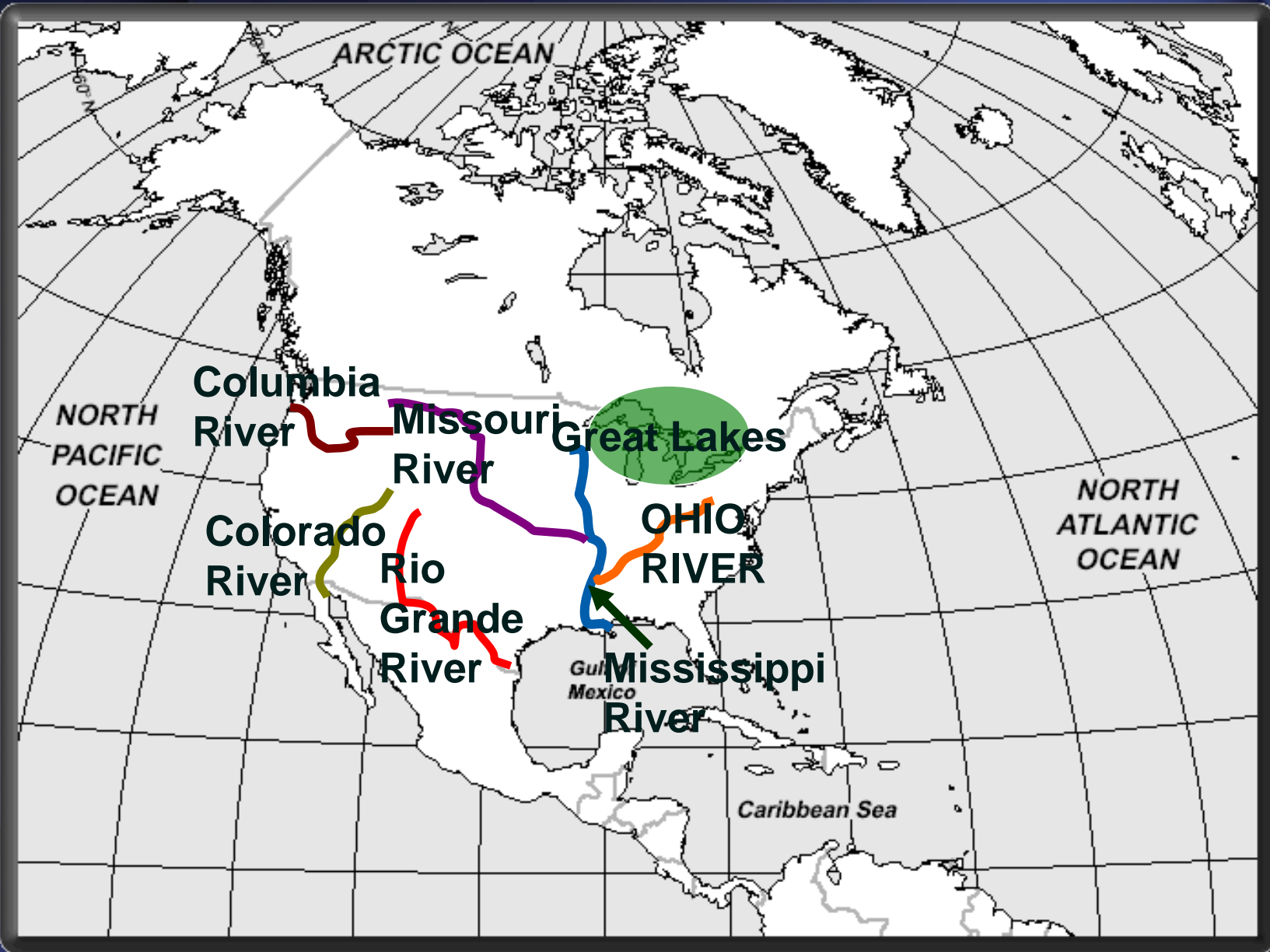
5
Great
Plains

4
Interior
Lowlands

2
Appalachian
Highlands

1
Coastal
Plain

North American Waterways



Historical Importance of Waterways

- The Ohio River was the gateway to the west.
- Inland port cities grew in the Midwest along the Great Lakes.
- The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers were the transportation arteries for farm and industrial products. They were links to ports and other parts of the world.
- The Columbia River was explored by Lewis and Clark.
- The Colorado River was explored by the Spanish.
- The Rio Grande forms the border with Mexico.