

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Before we learn about our history and government, we have to know a little bit about our country and its history. How well do you know America? The questions below will help you figure out your response!

What ocean is on America's East Coast? \_\_\_\_\_

What ocean is on America's West Coast? \_\_\_\_\_

How many mainland states are there? \_\_\_\_\_

What country lies to the North of America? \_\_\_\_\_

What country lies to the South of America? \_\_\_\_\_

Name the Great Lakes (try from West to East!)

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Name four (4) rivers in America

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Name two (2) mountain chains in America

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Name one (1) American desert \_\_\_\_\_

Name the two major peninsulas in America, one on the West Coast, one on the East Coast

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What is the largest island off mainland USA? \_\_\_\_\_

Name one (1) Gulf off the coasts of America? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the First State? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the 49<sup>th</sup> State? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the 50<sup>th</sup> State? \_\_\_\_\_

How many stripes are there on the American flag? \_\_\_\_\_

What do these stripes represent? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the top three (3) most populated cities in America?

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Yo, how ya doin?



Fuhgeddaboutit!

**Chihuahuan Desert:** A small area of southeastern New Mexico and extreme western Texas, extending south into a vast area of Mexico.

**Great Basin Desert:** The northern three-quarters of Nevada, western and southern Utah, to the southern third of Idaho and the southeastern corner of Oregon. According to some, it also includes small portions of western Colorado and southwestern Wyoming. Bordered on the south by the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts.

**Mojave Desert:** A portion of southern Nevada, extreme southwestern Utah and of eastern California, north of the Sonoran Desert.

**Sonoran Desert:** An arid region covering approximately 100,000 square miles in southwestern Arizona and southeastern California, as well as most of Baja California and the western half of the state of Sonora, Mexico. Subdivisions of this hot, dry region include the Colorado and Yuma deserts.

Three of these deserts -- the Chihuahuan, the Sonoran and the Mojave -- are called "hot deserts," because of their high temperatures during the long summer and because the evolutionary affinities of their plant life are largely with the subtropical plant communities to the south. The Great Basin Desert is called a "cold desert" because it is generally cooler and its dominant plant life is not subtropical in origin.

## Cities in the U.S. by Population

Rank	City	Population
1.	New York, N.Y.	8,143,197
2.	Los Angeles, Calif.	3,844,829
3.	Chicago, Ill.	2,842,518
4.	Houston, Tex.	2,016,582
5.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1,463,281
6.	Phoenix, Ariz.	1,461,575
7.	San Antonio, Tex.	1,256,509
8.	San Diego, Calif.	1,255,540
9.	Dallas, Tex.	1,213,825
10.	San Jose, Calif.	912,332

Long Island is 1,401 square miles! #11, others are in Hawaii and Alaska