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**Social Studies Skill—Reading a Map** From our Social Studies links page, choose the 3<sup>rd</sup> link: Houghton Mifflin—Choose your Book—Great Activities. Choose United States History: Civil War to Today and then choose Interactive Maps

**The United States, 1500** (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

1. This map shows the land and peoples of North America. Find the Omaha and the Erie. In what kind of vegetation and landform regions did they live?

Native American Group	Landform Region	Kind of Vegetation
Omaha		
Erie		

2. Which one of the three types of vegetation covers most of the land in North America?

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**Westward Expansion** (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

3. The map shows United States growth throughout the 1800s. Which river forms the eastern border of the Louisiana Purchase? \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Shrink the map legend** to see which major cities existed in 1850 on land gained through the Mexican Cession. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which **direction** would you travel to get from Chicago to Kansas City? (Use the map rose.)
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**The Underground Railroad** (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

6. Name three places outside of the United States where the routes end.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
7. The shortest routes for a person escaping slavery in Florida or Georgia would have taken him or her to \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A person escaping from Charleston, South Carolina, to Montreal, Canada might have traveled through these cities: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chicago, 1900 Railroad** (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

9. This map shows the city of Chicago as a regional center of trade and transportation in 1900. Which industries were found in Iowa? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
10. Corn does not grow as well in the dry west as it does in damper states like Illinois and Indiana. In which states is corn grown the furthest west? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Joining the United States, 1787-1920** (Click "Show All" in the map key.)

- 11. This map shows when states were admitted to the United States. What is the first year that any state became part of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Which states on the map were the last to be admitted to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which were admitted in \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. What were the first five states to be admitted to the Union after the original thirteen colonies? When were they admitted?

First Five States Admitted after the Original Thirteen Colonies	Year of Admission into the United States

**World War II in the Pacific** (Use the arrows in the lower left corner.)

- 14. This map shows major movements and battles in the Pacific region during World War II. Which Allied advance appears to be the shortest? (Hint: 1945) The shortest Allied advance seems to be the one leading to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Which of the major battles was fought in 1943? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Before 1945, the Allied advances came in two broad sweeps. From what directions did they come? \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

**Population Density of the United States in 2000**

- 17. This map shows that the population of the United States is not spread evenly across the whole nation. Which state has the lowest population density? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. What city on Lake Michigan has the largest area of dense population? \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. What direction would you travel from Phoenix to reach Denver? \_\_\_\_\_