

**WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY**

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE**

**GEO 106**

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**REGIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL  
HANDOUT PACKET FOR TEST 1**

North America

Caribbean

# NORTH AMERICA

## PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY:

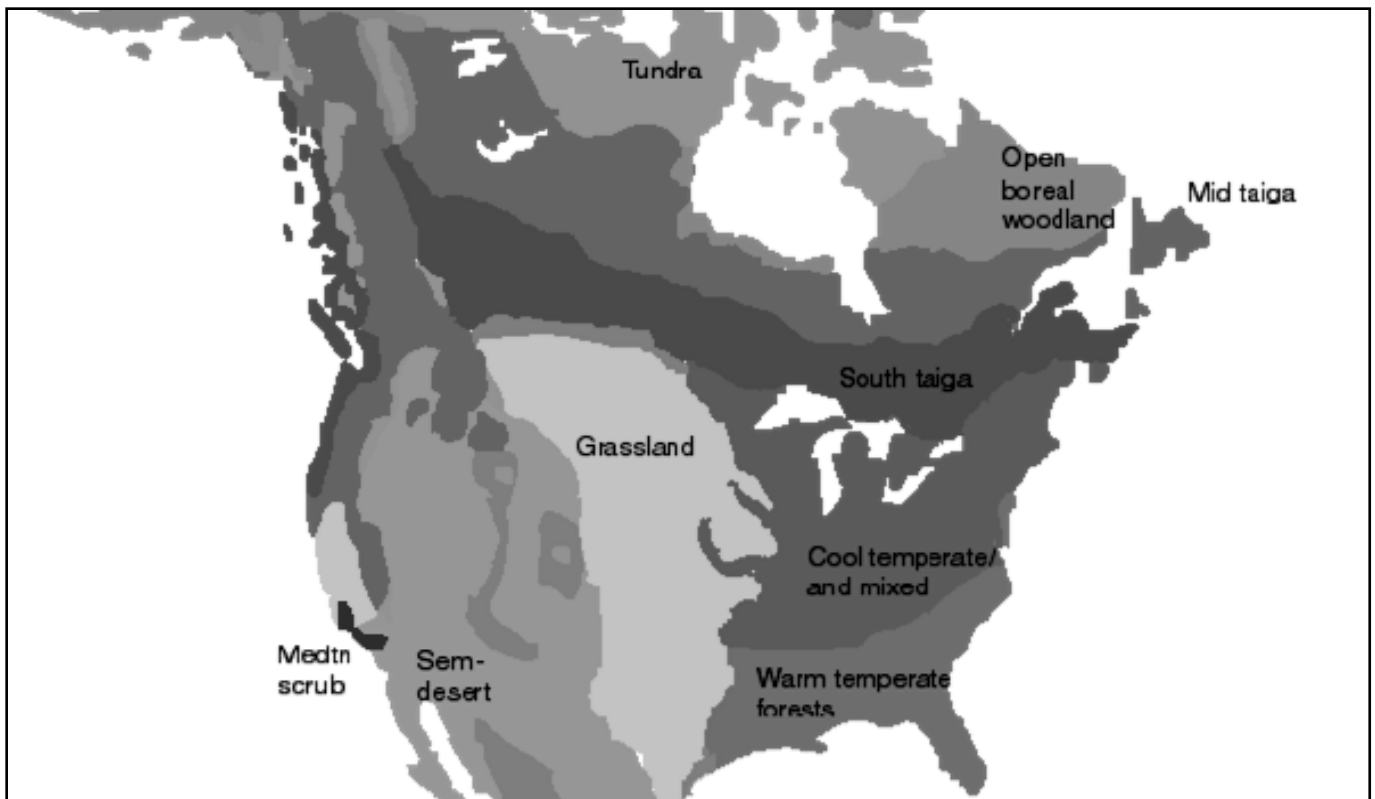
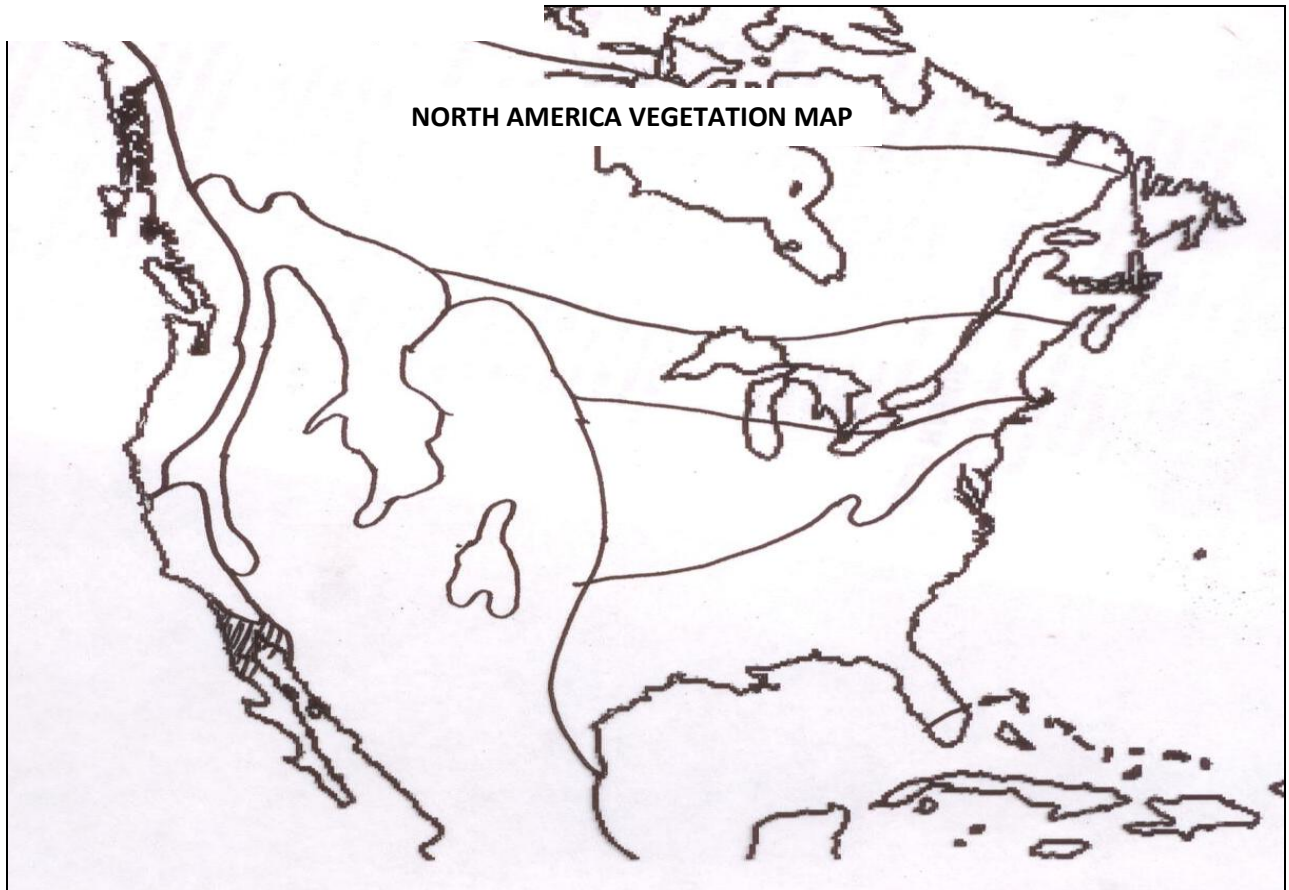
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ trending mountain ranges
- ✓ Central and east coast \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ North shaped by \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Many Rivers: important for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## Tectonics

- ✓ East = \_\_\_\_\_:
- ✓ West = \_\_\_\_\_:

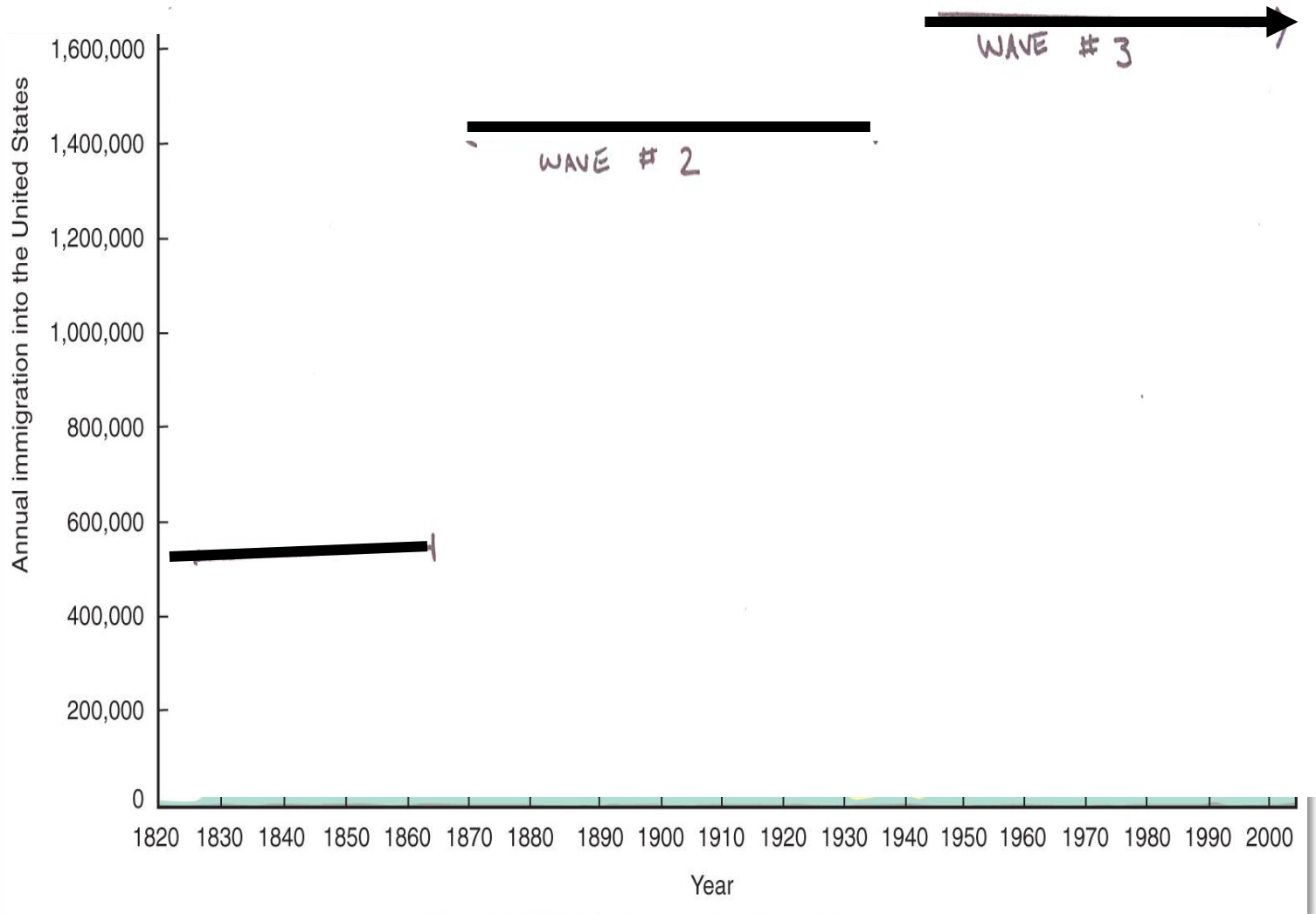


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## IMMIGRATION WAVES AND LAWS

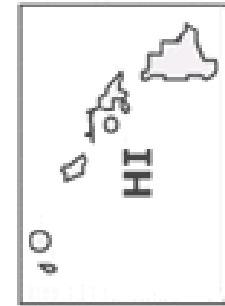
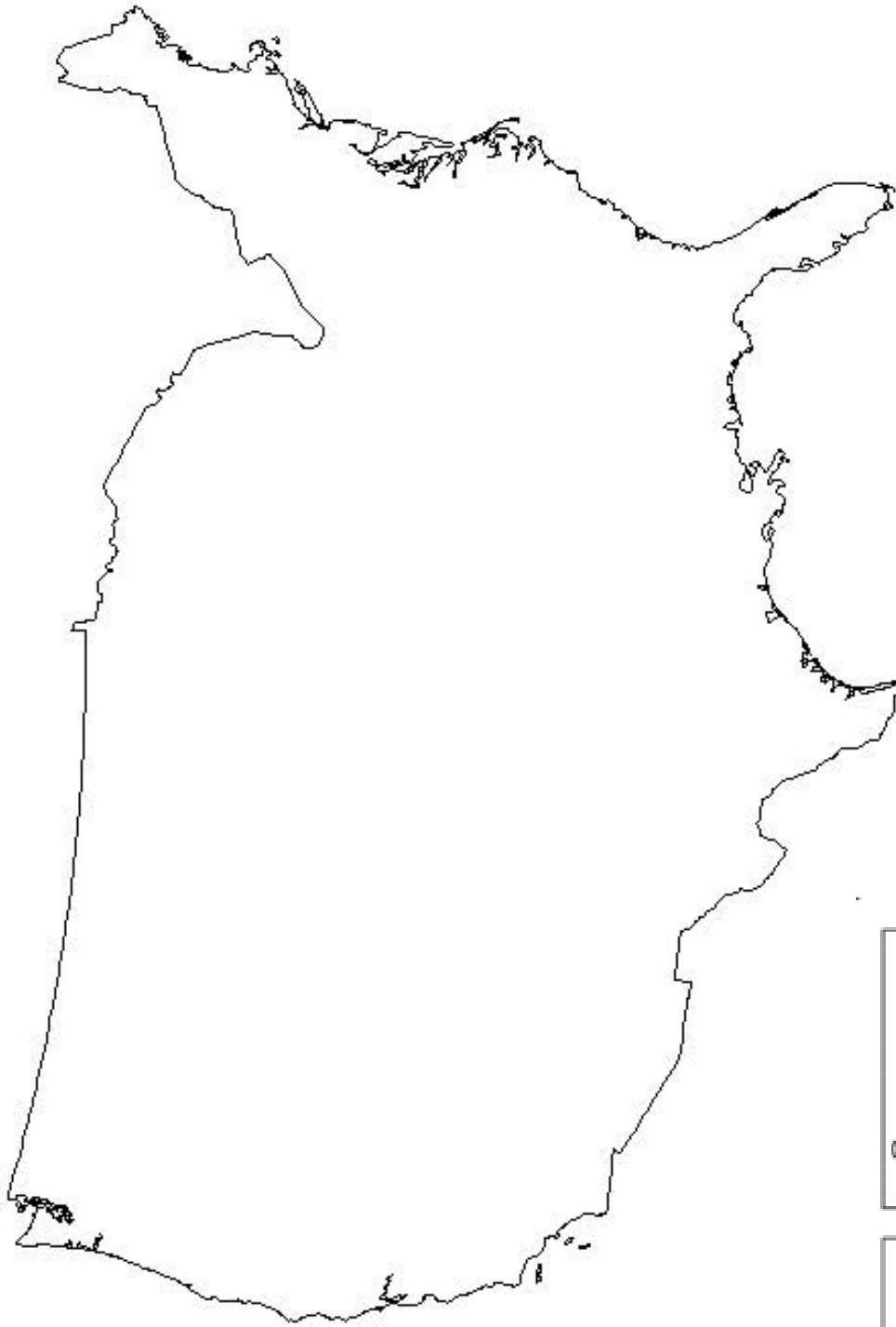


## IMMIGRATION LAWS



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## Political/Territorial Development



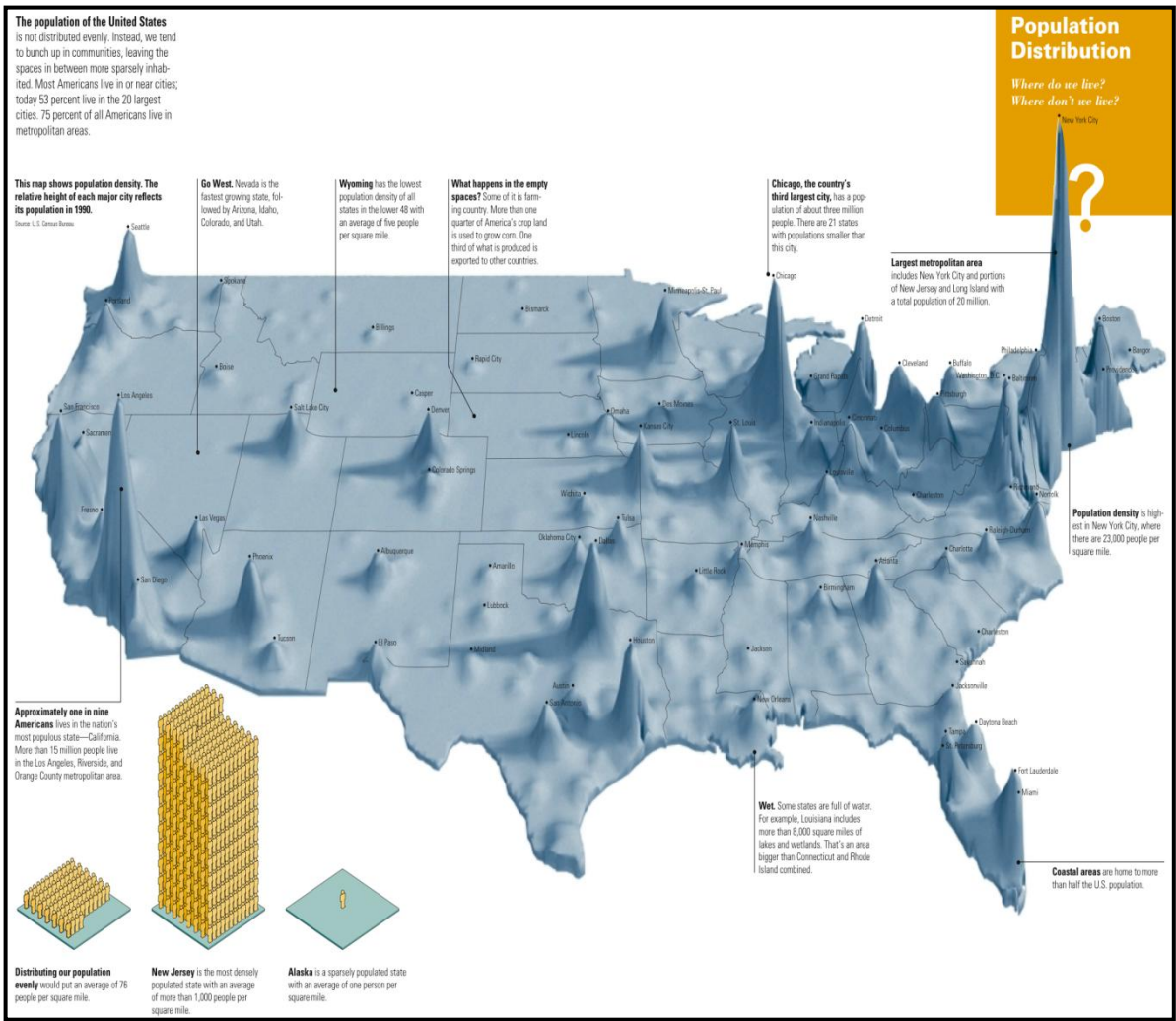
Spanish-American War ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Results: Independent Cuba ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - US Batista Gov't

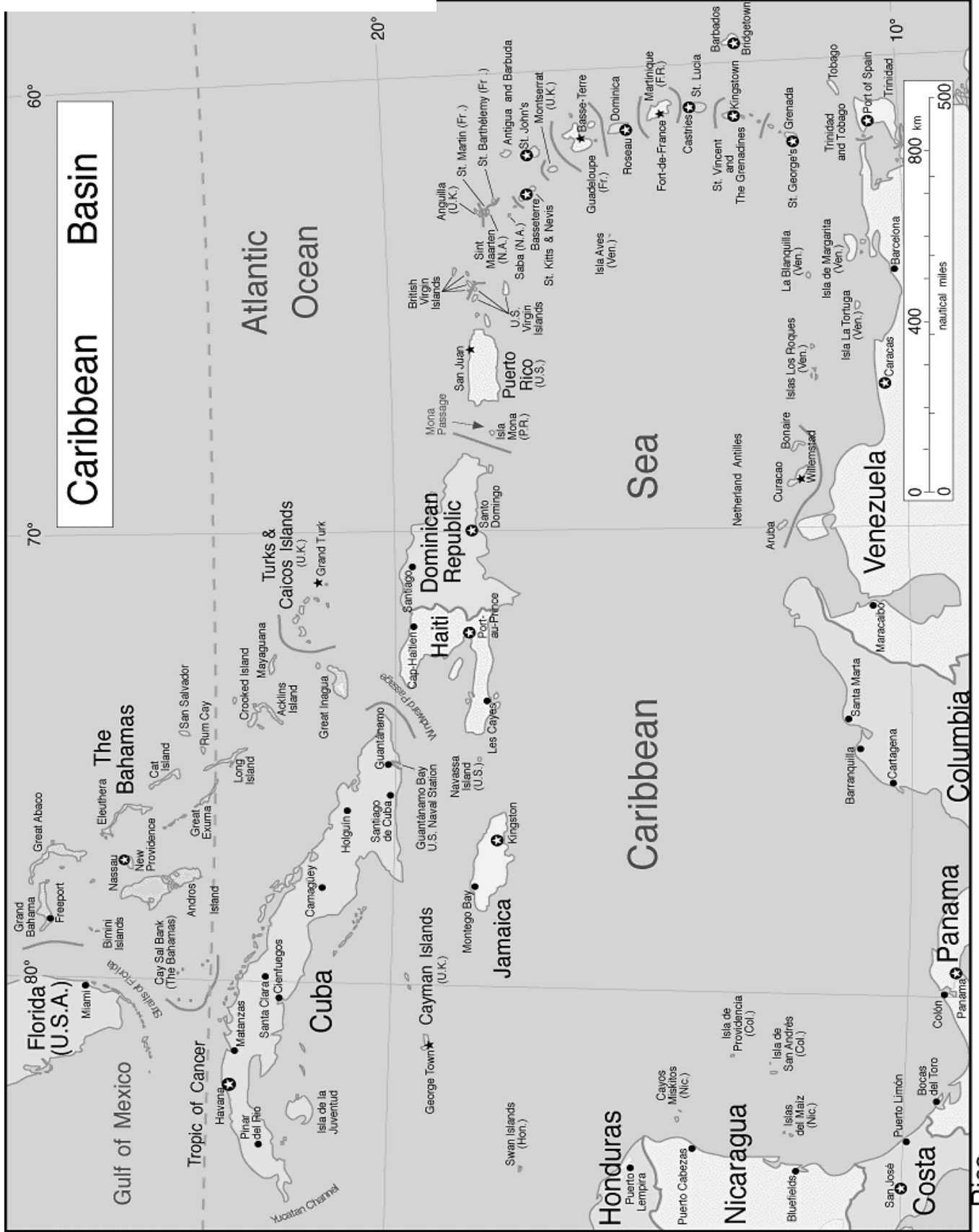
New US territory:

Lingering effects:

# NORTH AMERICA OUTLINE MAP



# CARIBBEAN



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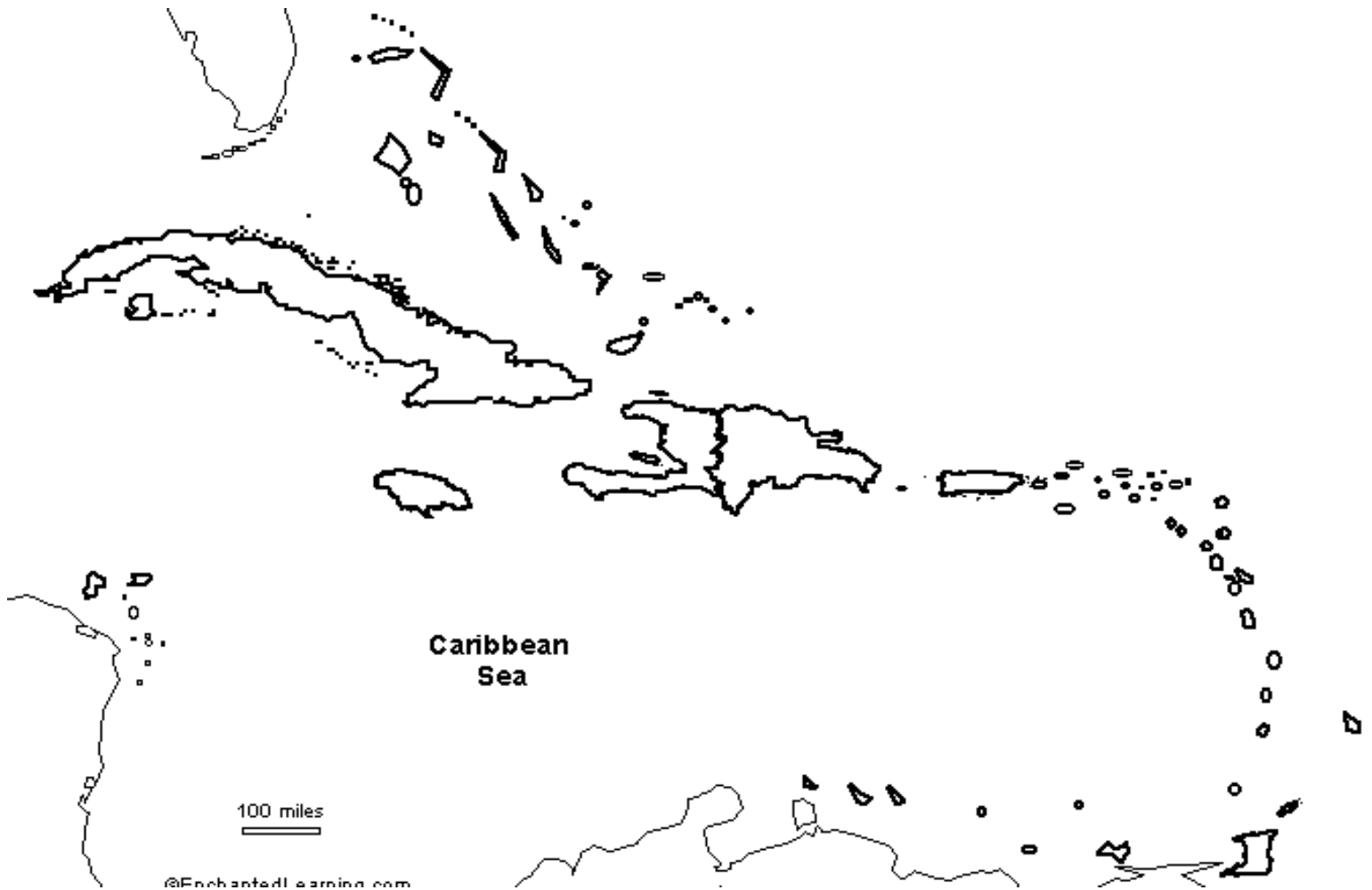
## PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

**Tectonics:** \_\_\_\_\_ plate boundaries; \_\_\_\_\_ Zones

**Results:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Climate:** Temperature year round: \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ forest

Rainfall Abundant: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ season





# NORTH AMERICA REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What general characteristics define America (in terms of numbers, culture, economy, resources, etc.)
2. Explain the general physical geography of North America. In doing this you should know where things are but as importantly what earlier or ongoing processes are shaping North America.
3. Explain the human importance of the physical features found in North America.
4. What does the climate map for North America look like? How do the climate variables discussed in class create the climates found throughout the continent? What types of vegetation accompany each climate?
5. What are the general population characteristics of the region (numbers, TFR, LE, average age, most live where?)
6. Explain the history of settling the land of North America; starting with the first people and continuing through European colonization and the three main waves of settlement.
7. What other population/migration trends have influenced the cultural landscape of North America?
8. Where do the cultural origins of North America come from?
9. How has immigration affected North America? Specifically who came when, why, and where did they go? How has this immigration trend shaped North America's cultural landscape (language, religion, etc.)?
10. How is North America politically structured (type of government, regional organizations, etc.)
11. Explain how the political states within North America evolved (territorial expansion).
12. What global issues have influenced the region in the past and presently? How has terrorism changed life in North America?
13. Where does North America stand in terms of global economic power and average income? What has allowed the region to attain this position? What is the catch?

14. How has North America's economy changed over the past 200 years? What does it look like today (who works where, where is the money, how is the land used, what are the trends, etc.)?

15. What does the manufacturing, raw material and agricultural landscape of North America look like? Why do you find these patterns?

16. How have changes in transportation influenced the development of North America?

17. What pressing social issues face the region? (see: inequalities, regional differences, average age, health, etc.)

18. What impact does North America have on the rest of the world?????

19. What major environmental issues does the region face? What are the causes of these?

# THE CARIBBEAN REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why is the Caribbean treated as a distinct region?
2. What geographic area does the Caribbean encompass? How many/Which states are included?
3. What does the phrase “isolated-proximity” mean in reference to the Caribbean?
4. What does the physical geography of the region look like? What is the tectonic situation created this landscape? What is the climate like (temp and precipitation)? What type of vegetation can you expect to find?
5. What make the Bahamas so unique?
6. Which islands comprise the Greater Antilles? What defining characteristics do they share?
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8. How has the population of the Caribbean changed since the region was initially colonized?
9. What recent population trends characterize the region? What is causing them?
10. What does the culture of the Caribbean look like? Which peoples have influenced the region and why? What are the language and religious characteristics?
11. What does the colonial history of the region look like? When did states in the region achieve independence?
12. Explain in detail the significance of the Spanish-American war for the region as well as other world colonies. What happened in the special cases of Cuba and Puerto Rico?
13. Where else has the United State been influential/involved?
14. What was the original economic activity in the region? How is this changing today?
15. What are the primary new economic activities? (problems)
16. How have these economic activities shaped the social development of the region? How does the region compare with the rest of the world? What’s wrong with Haiti?
17. What major environmental issues does the region face? What are the causes of these?