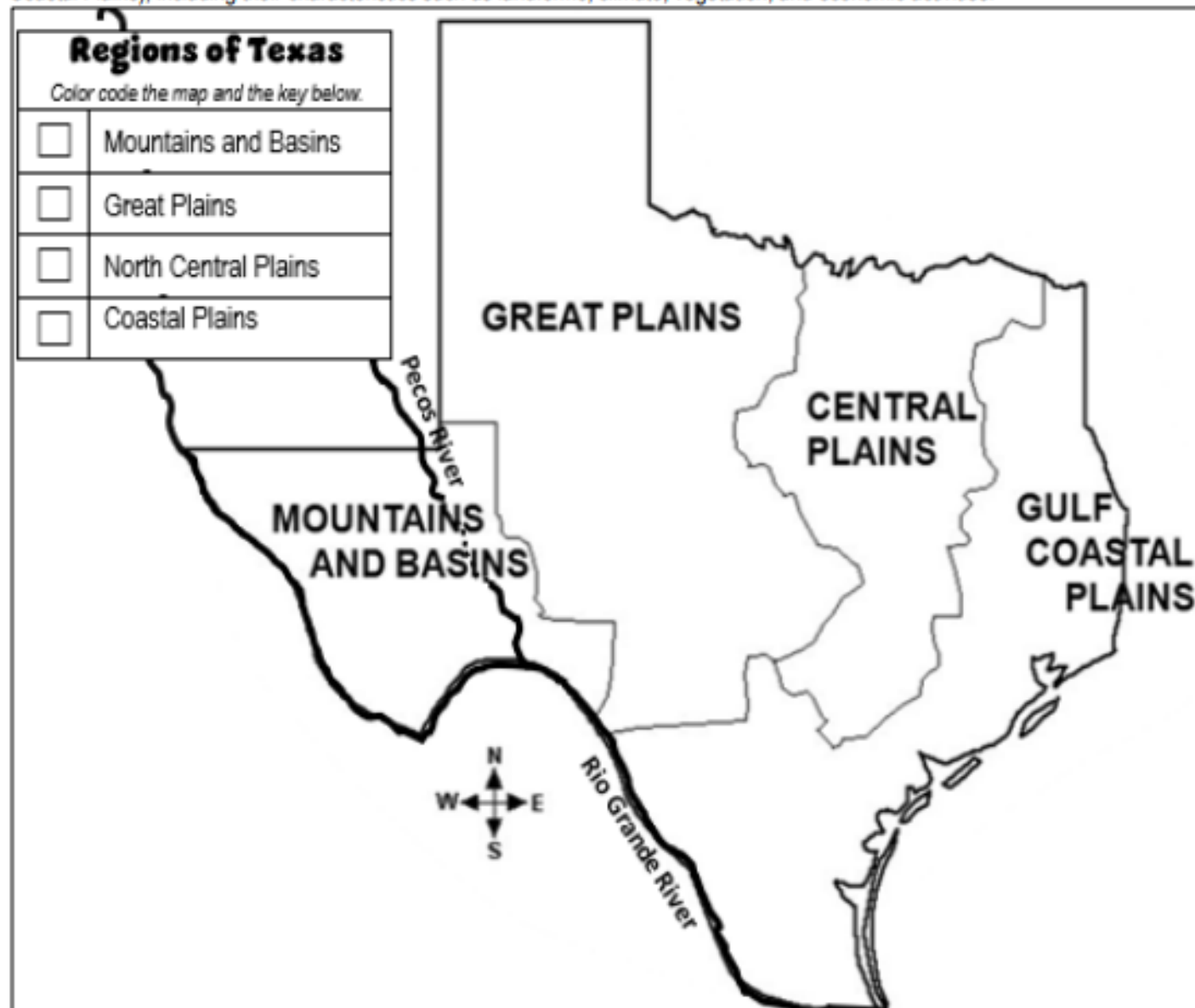


Physical Regions of Texas

TEKS 4.6A - Identify, locate, and describe the physical regions of Texas (Mountains and Basins, Great Plains, North Central Plains, Coastal Plains), including their characteristics such as landforms, climate, vegetation, and economic activities.



Mountains and Basins: The Mountains and Basins region is in the far west of Texas. It has tall mountains like the Guadalupe, Davis, and Chisos Mountains. These mountains are part of the Rocky Mountains. There are also rivers called the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers. The climate here is dry, with very little rainfall. You can find desert-like landscapes with rocky terrain and canyons. The vegetation is scarce, with cacti and shrubs being common. Economic activities in this region include tourism, mining for minerals like oil, natural gas, gypsum, and cattle ranching.

1. The Mountains and Basins region is located in the _____ of Texas.
2. What kind of landscapes can be found in the Mountains and Basins region?
3. What are some economic activities in the Mountains and Basins region?

Great Plains: The Great Plains region is in the northern and central parts of Texas. It has wide, open grasslands, plateaus, rolling hills, and canyons like Palo Duro and Cap Rock Canyons. The weather here is usually dry, with hot summers and cold winters. Thunderstorms are common during the summer. The plants that grow in this area are mostly tall grasses like buffalo grass and bluestem. The Great Plains is a good place for farming because the land is suitable for growing crops like wheat, corn, and cotton. Ranching is also an important economic activity in this region.

4. The Great Plains region is located in the _____ and _____ parts of Texas.	5. Some notable canyons in the Great Plains region are _____ and _____ Canyons.
6. What is the weather like in the Great Plains region?	7. What are some economic activities in the Great Plains region?

North Central Plains: The North Central Plains is a region located in the middle of Texas. It has a variety of landscapes, including prairies, forests, and rivers. The weather in this region is usually mild, with hot summers and cool winters. Compared to the other areas, the North Central Plains receive more rainfall. Plants that grow here include grasses, oak trees, and mesquite trees. Farming is an important activity in this area, where crops like corn, sorghum, and vegetables are grown. People also raise livestock and produce oil. In addition to farming, this region has become home to large cities that serve as centers for banking and industry.

8. The North Central Plains is a region located in <i>the</i> _____ <i>of</i> Texas.	
9. What is the weather like in the North Central Plains?	10. What crops are grown in the North Central Plains?
11. The large cities in the North Central Plains serve as centers for _____ and _____.	

Coastal Plains: The Coastal Plains region is located in the eastern and southeastern parts of Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico. It has a lot of different types of land, like marshes, sandy beaches, coastal islands, bayous, plains, rivers, hills, deserts, and forests. The weather here is humid and subtropical, which means it can get really hot in the summers and not too cold in the winter. It also rains a lot, and sometimes there are big storms called hurricanes during hurricane season. There are different kinds of plants here, like pine trees, oak trees, and grass that grow near the coast. People in this region do a lot of farming, especially growing rice, citrus fruits, and vegetables. The coast also allows for ports that play an important role in fishing and shipping. Another big industry here is refining oil.

12. The Coastal Plains region is located in the _____ and southeastern parts of Texas, near the _____ <i>of</i> _____.	
13. What is the weather like in the Coastal Plains region?	14. What are the main industries in the Coastal Plains region?
15. Being close to the coast, _____ and _____ are important economic activities.	

VOCABULARY: Physical Regions of Texas

Vocabulary Word

Definition

_____ 1. Subtropical

A. slow-moving, marshy streams or creeks, often found in flat, low-lying areas.

_____ 2. Bayous

B. the process of purifying or improving a substance, especially oil, by removing impurities or unwanted elements.

_____ 3. Marshes

C. arid regions with little rainfall and sparse vegetation.

_____ 4. Hurricanes

D. relating to or characteristic of a region with a moderately warm and humid climate.

_____ 5. Refining

E. large, powerful storms with strong winds and heavy rain, typically forming over warm ocean waters.

_____ 6. Deserts

F. wetland areas with soft, muddy ground and often filled with grasses and reeds.

_____ 7. Ports

G. having a high level of moisture or dampness in the air.

_____ 8. Humid

H. harbors or docking areas where ships load and unload cargo.

Choose 4 of the above 8 vocabulary words to use in a paragraph.

Quiz: Physical Regions Of Texas

- 1. Which region in Texas is located in the northern and central parts and has wide, open grasslands, plateaus, rolling hills, and canyons?**
 - A. Mountains and Basins region
 - B. Gulf Coastal Plains region
 - C. North Central Plains region
 - D. Great Plains region
- 2. Which region of Texas is known for its variety of landscapes, including prairies, forests, and rivers?**
 - A. Great Plains
 - B. Gulf Coast
 - C. Coastal Plains
 - D. North Central Plains
- 3. What types of landscapes are found in the North Central Plains region?**
 - A. Prairies and rivers
 - B. Sandy beaches and coastal islands
 - C. Marshes and bayous
 - D. Deserts and forests
- 4. What type of land is found near the coast?**
 - A. Marshes
 - B. Mountains
 - C. Prairies
 - D. Deserts
- 5. What economic activities are common in the Mountains and Basins region?**
 - A. Fishing and seafood processing
 - B. Agriculture and manufacturing
 - C. Forestry and logging
 - D. Tourism and mining for minerals
- 6. What economic activities are common in the Great Plains region?**
 - A. Forestry and logging
 - B. Fishing and seafood processing
 - C. Agriculture and manufacturing
 - D. Tourism and mining for minerals
- 7. What is the climate like in the Mountains and Basins region?**
 - A. Hot and dry with very little rainfall
 - B. Mild with moderate rainfall
 - C. Cold with frequent snowfall
 - D. Humid with heavy rainfall
- 8. What is the weather like in the Coastal Plains region?**
 - A. Dry and arid
 - B. Hot and humid
 - C. Mild with hot summers and cool winters
 - D. Cold and snowy
- 9. What economic activities are important in the Coastal Plains region?**
 - A. Fishing and seafood production
 - B. Mining and manufacturing
 - C. Tourism and hospitality
 - D. Oil production and farming
- 10. Which region in Texas has wide, open grasslands, plateaus, rolling hills, and canyons such as Palo Duro and Cap Rock Canyons?**
 - A. Mountains and Basins region
 - B. Great Plains region
 - C. Gulf Coastal Plains region
 - D. North Central Plains region

