

UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY

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POLITICAL MAP (DEFINE): Focuses on boundaries + locations of cities.

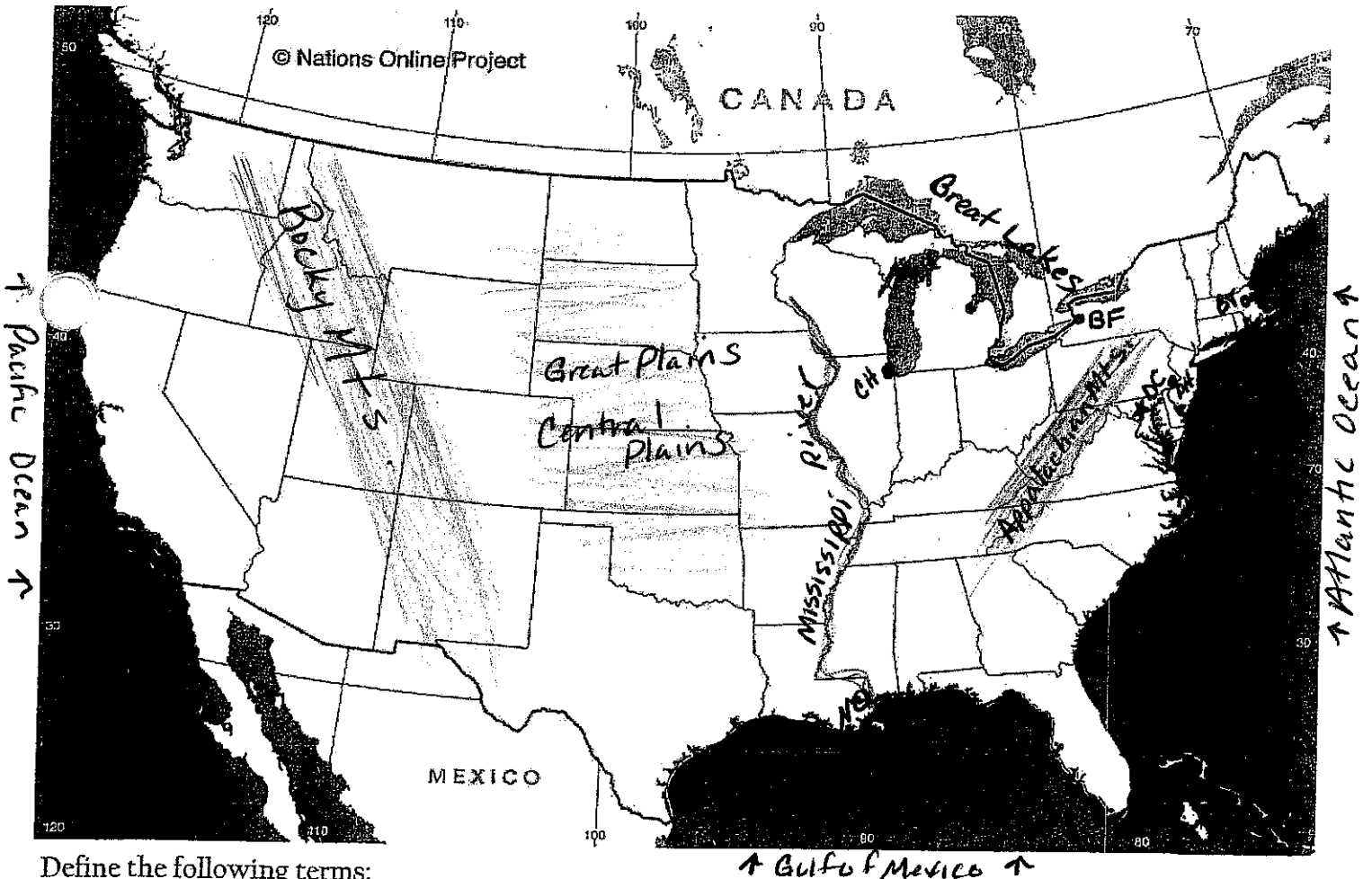
PHYSICAL MAP (DEFINE): Focuses on geography → mountains, valleys, rivers, etc...
Text book: back light blue section AZD or AL

Label and shade the following features on the map below:

Appalachian Mountains (brown); Mississippi River (blue); Rocky Mountains (brown); Great Lakes; Great Plains (orange); Central Plains (orange); Atlantic Ocean; Pacific Ocean; Gulf of Mexico

Label the following cities on the map below using the letters listed:

NY- New York City; LA- Los Angeles; DC- Washington DC; CH- Chicago; PH- Philadelphia; NO- New Orleans; BF- Buffalo; BT- Boston



Define the following terms:

Climate- measure of the average pattern of temperature + weather conditions in a given region

Population- sum of all people who live in the same geographical region

Region- area defined by its physical characteristics + environment
ex. Western NY
Northeast

* 6 most common questions on Regents Exam

- 1) What are the two most populous regions in the US?
 - NYC → northeast
 - LA → southwest } answers
- 2) What geographic feature separates the North + South?
 - climate
- 3) What geographic features have contributed to US isolation?
 - oceans
- 4) What is the nickname of the Great Plains?
 - bread basket
- 5) What geographic feature served as the western boundary for colonial America?
 - Appalachian Mountains
- 6) What geographic feature served as the western boundary for the US in 1783, a major acquisition for trade + transport?
 - Mississippi River