

# DBQ

STANDARDS-BASED LEARNING & FUN!

DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTIONS

# KEY CONCEPTS & SKILLS for **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Lessons & Activities

includes

Geographic Tools

Economic Concepts

Government & Civics



Integrate literacy into social studies!

GALLOPADE

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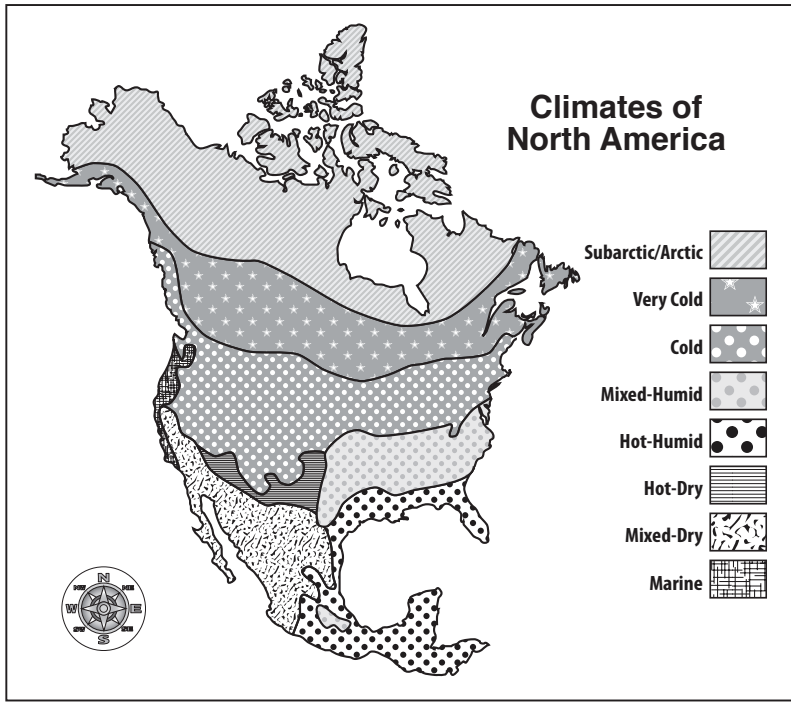
# POLITICAL & CLIMATE MAPS

Look at both maps and answer the questions.

Political maps show country and state boundaries, capitals, and major cities.



1. What information can you gather about the map from its title? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. A. Is this map a large-scale map or a small-scale map? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. What extra information is included about the United States, but not about Canada or Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Explain why a compass rose is included on the map. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Describe the relative location of the United States in relation to Mexico and Canada.  
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5. Describe the relative location of the United States to the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Infer why the mapmaker did not include small political boundaries like district lines and county lines in each state. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Climate maps show general patterns of climate and precipitation in an area. Cartographers use colors or patterns to show different climate or precipitation zones.

7. Why do you need a map key to understand the climate map? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. A. In which part of Canada do you think most people live? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. How many different climates exist in the United States? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Name two climate areas that most likely indicate a desert region. \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the climate of the region you live in? Use the political map to estimate the location of your state on the climate map. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Describe how temperatures change from the northern regions to the southern regions of North America. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Compare and contrast the two maps in terms of map features, information presented, intended purpose, and level of detail.

