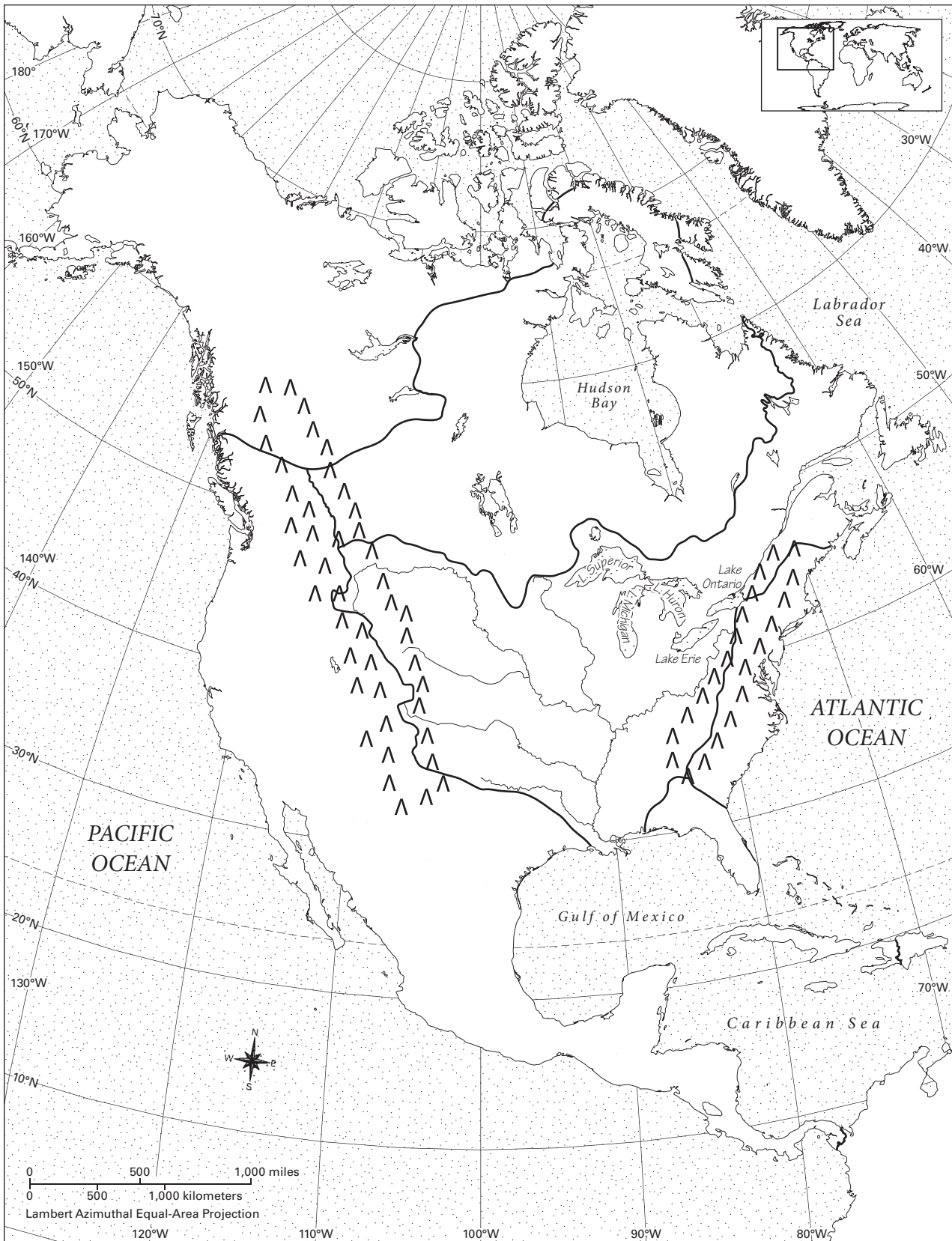


North America



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage” for Unit 1 in the Student Text. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Locate the region of North America that was claimed by Spain. Shade or outline it in purple on the map.
2. Locate the area in North America that was claimed by France. Shade or outline it in red.
3. Locate the British land claims in North America. Shade or outline them in green.
4. Locate and label the Appalachian Mountains on your map. These mountains were mainly part of which nation’s land claims?
5. Locate and label the Rocky Mountains on your map. In which nation’s land claims did these mountains mainly fall?
6. Which major rivers flow through the land claimed by France? Label three of them.
7. The colonies that became the original United States were part of which European nation’s land claims?

What demands did colonists in this region place on the American Indians who lived there?

8. Locate the following lakes: Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario. Collectively, what are these lakes called? How did involvement with Europeans in this region change how American Indians there lived?

Critical Thinking

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

9. In areas where physical geography made farming more difficult for British colonists, what else do you think they might have done for a living?

10. Suppose you are a settler in the British colonies. You want to settle on land where the Ohio River meets the Mississippi River. What physical feature do you have to cross to reach that area?

Traveling over land, what might be a good route?

11. Look at the map of physical features of North America in the Student Text. Suppose you were traveling west from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast. In terms of elevation, describe the land on your route westward.

Where might farming be easiest in this western region? Why?