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What Is Heritage Studies?

The BJU Press Heritage Studies materials are a presentation of social studies that integrates civics, culture, economics, geography, and history. Beginning with the framework of God's redemptive plan, *Heritage Studies 2* includes an age-appropriate study of civics, government, and geography. It then covers United States history from Native Americans to the founding of the independent nation, all from a Christian worldview. Scripture verses, eye-catching artwork, maps, graphs, photos, and quick-check questions enhance learning.



The earth is full of thy riches.

— Psalm 104:24b



Focus

God has blessed our country with different resources, landforms, and bodies of water.



- climate
- natural resource
- landform
- region



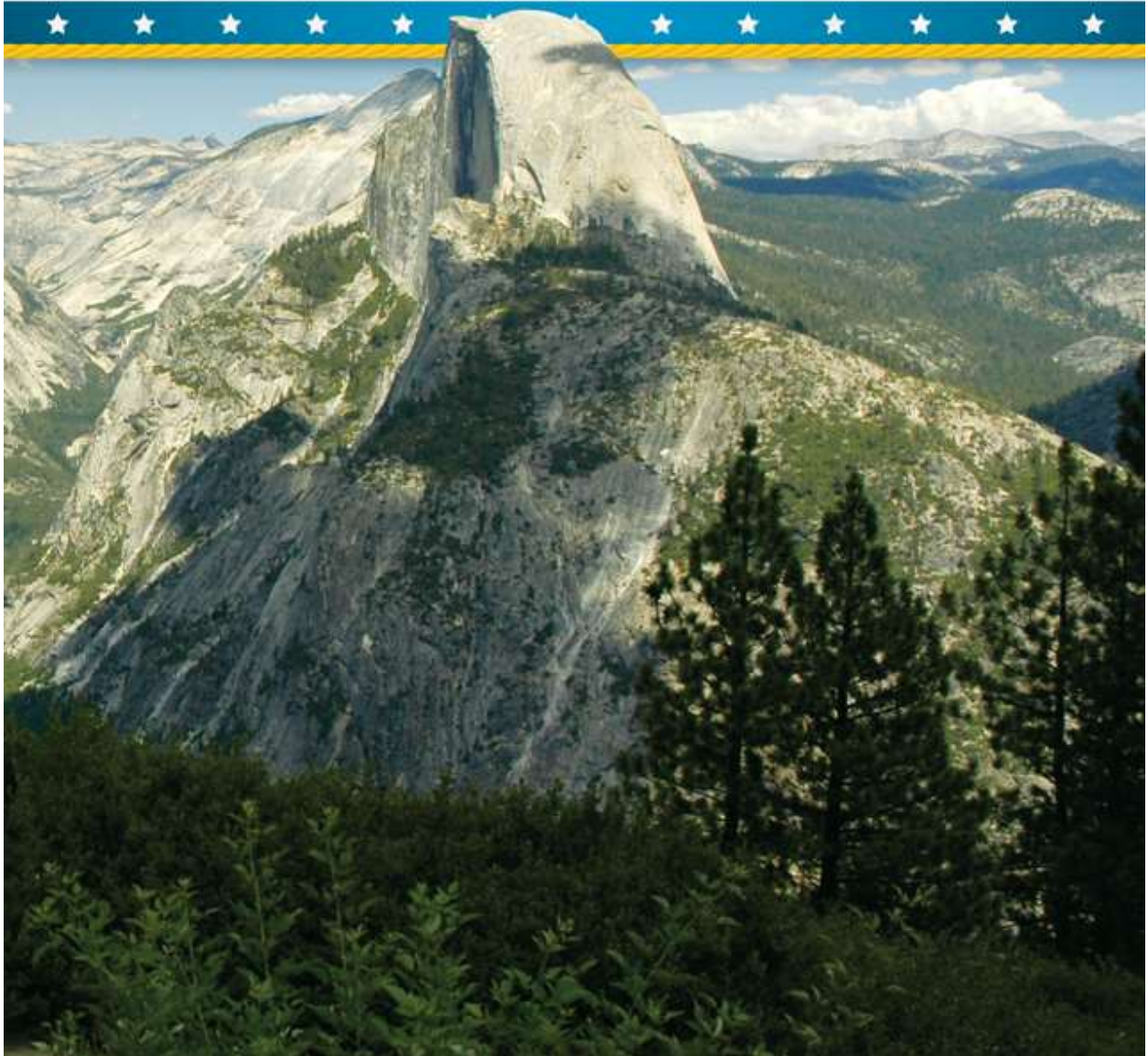
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Travel Map



Land That I Love

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Regions

God has always wanted people to fill the earth. He wanted them to live in every part of the world. He knew that people in different places would have different lives.

In the United States, some people live on the coast near an ocean. Some people live on the rich farmland in the middle of our country. Some people live in rainy places and some in dry places. Different parts of the country are called **regions**.



These fishermen live near the ocean.

This rancher lives in a dry region.



Natural Resources

Regions have different **natural resources**. A natural resource is something in nature that God gives people to use. Water, soil, trees, and rocks are natural resources. What natural resources are found where you live?

God wants people to rule over the earth. He wants us to build cities and roads, plant crops, and make beautiful bridges. But God also wants us to love others. We should rule the earth in a way that helps others. We can plant new trees in place of those we have used. We can keep our water and air clean. By taking good care of our resources, we show love for those living around us.

A greenhouse in California uses the sun's light and heat to help plants grow.



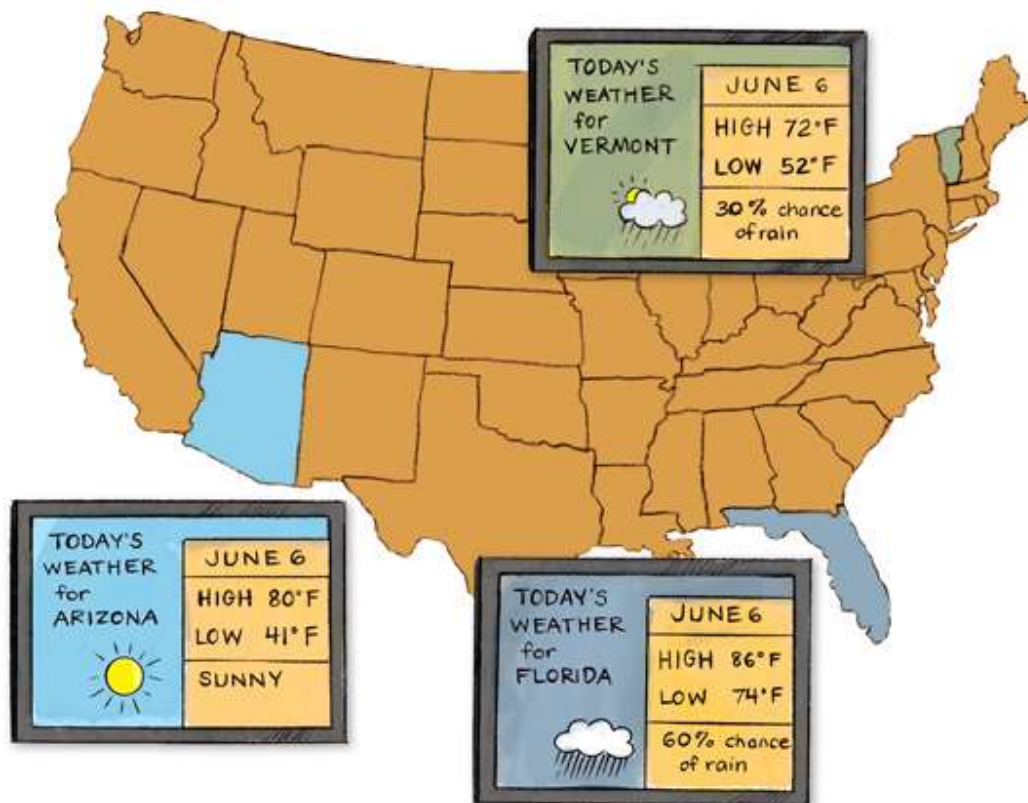
A wind farm in Kansas helps people use the power of the wind.



What is a natural resource?

Climates

God planned for regions to have many types of weather. The usual weather a region has in each season is called its **climate**. Some regions have hot, dry climates. Some regions get more rain. Your climate might be warm in summer and cold in winter. Do you live in the northern part of our country? You might get more snow than someone farther south.



Different regions of the United States have different climates.

People in different regions do different kinds of work. A region's natural resources and climate might be good for a certain job. What jobs would people who live near an ocean have? They might fish, work on a ship, or run a ferry. They might work in a **factory** that cans fish. A factory is a place where people produce goods. What job would someone who lives in a forest region have? He might study plants or cut down trees for lumber and firewood.

Farmers live in regions with good soil for growing crops.



People in cold climates can do jobs like this in the winter.



What is the climate like in the region where you live?

Landforms

Different regions have different **landforms**. A landform is a certain shape of land on the earth. There are many different types of landforms in the United States. Some of them formed as a result of the Flood. The pictures show several landforms. Which ones have you seen before?

hills



mountains and valley

plain





peninsula



island

A mountain is the highest landform. Some mountains are too high for trees to grow at the top. A hill is not as high as a mountain. A plain is a flat area of land. Plains are often covered with grass or crops. A valley is low land between mountains or hills. An island is land with water all around it. A **peninsula** is land with water on three sides.



What is the
highest landform?