

# A view of the United States Study Guide – Part 2

1. How many mountain ranges in the USA can you name?

- a. Appalachian
- b. Rocky
- c. Sierra Nevada
- d. Cascade
- e. Coast Range (Sierra Nevada and Cascade)

Name

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2. How does elevation affect climate? The higher in elevation, the cooler the climate

3. How does distance from the equator affect climate? The farther from the equator, the cooler the climate becomes. The closer to the equator, the warmer the climate.

4. How do landforms affect climate? Mountains can act like walls that block out moist air from crossing. This creates a dry climate on the other side of the mountains.

5. How do large bodies of water affect climate? Areas located near large bodies of water usually have warmer winters and cooler summers.

6. All climates can have extreme weather. What are three examples of extreme weather?

- a. Tornados
- b. Hurricanes
- c. Drought

7. What happens to the excess precipitation that falls between the Rocky and Appalachian Mountains? Some water ends up in lakes, ponds and groundwater. The rest runs into tributaries (rivers) that flow into the Mississippi River, which then empties into the Gulf of Mexico

8. Our natural resources are land, water and underground resources.

a. How do we use land?

- Grow crops
- Raise livestock (pigs, cows, turkeys, chickens...)
- Trees

b. How do we use water?

- For drinking
- For fishing
- For making power

c. How do we use underground resources?

- Minerals - Metals found in the ground makes lots of products like pots, pans,
- Fossil Fuels - Oil, natural gas and coal – heats our homes, makes power,

