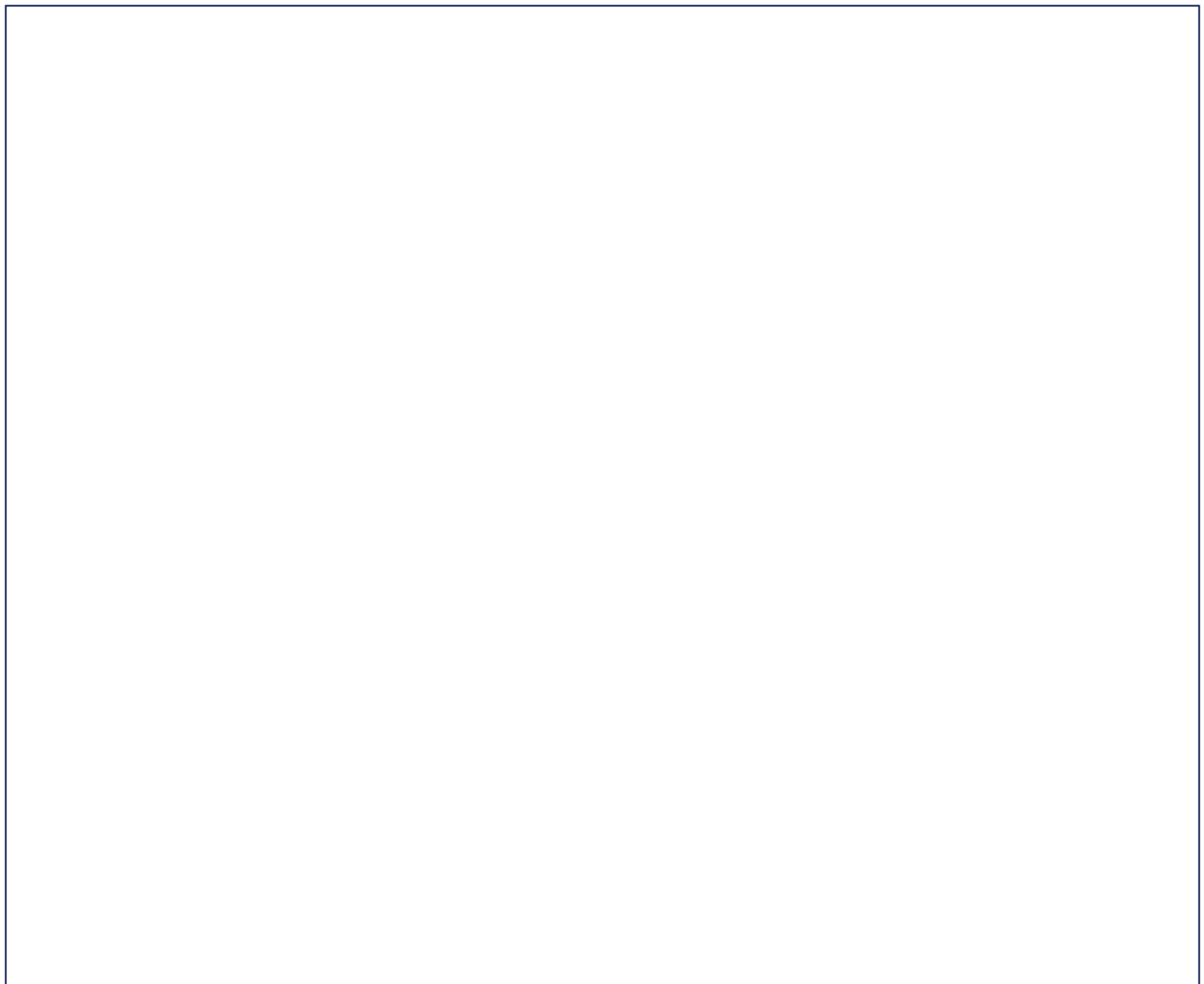


Exploring the Landscapes of North America

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key geographical features of North America, including major mountain ranges, rivers, and climate zones.

Follow the drawing prompt below to create a map of a North American landscape. Use your atlas or geography knowledge to ensure your features are placed in the correct regions. Use the word bank to label your final drawing.

Draw: Draw a large landscape map of North America. Start by outlining the continent. On the west, sketch tall, jagged peaks for the Rocky Mountains. In the centre-east, draw a long, winding blue line for the Mississippi River. Near the border with the north, draw five interconnected circles to represent the Great Lakes. Use shading to show the cold Arctic Tundra in the far north and dry, sandy textures for the Desert in the southwest. Label each feature clearly using the word bank.



Label words: Rocky Mountains · Mississippi River · Great Lakes · Arctic Tundra · Desert · Atlantic Ocean · Pacific Ocean

Steps:

1. Label the two major oceans that border the North American continent on your drawing.
2. Which mountain range runs along the western side of the continent? Draw this range using jagged,

triangular lines.

3. Explain why the northern part of North America has a different climate compared to the southern part.
4. Identify one major river system in North America and draw it flowing towards the sea.
5. Describe the difference between a desert environment and the Great Lakes region in your own words.