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North Central States

1. Write the name of each state, city, body of water, or mountain range in its correct location on the map below. Use colored pencils.

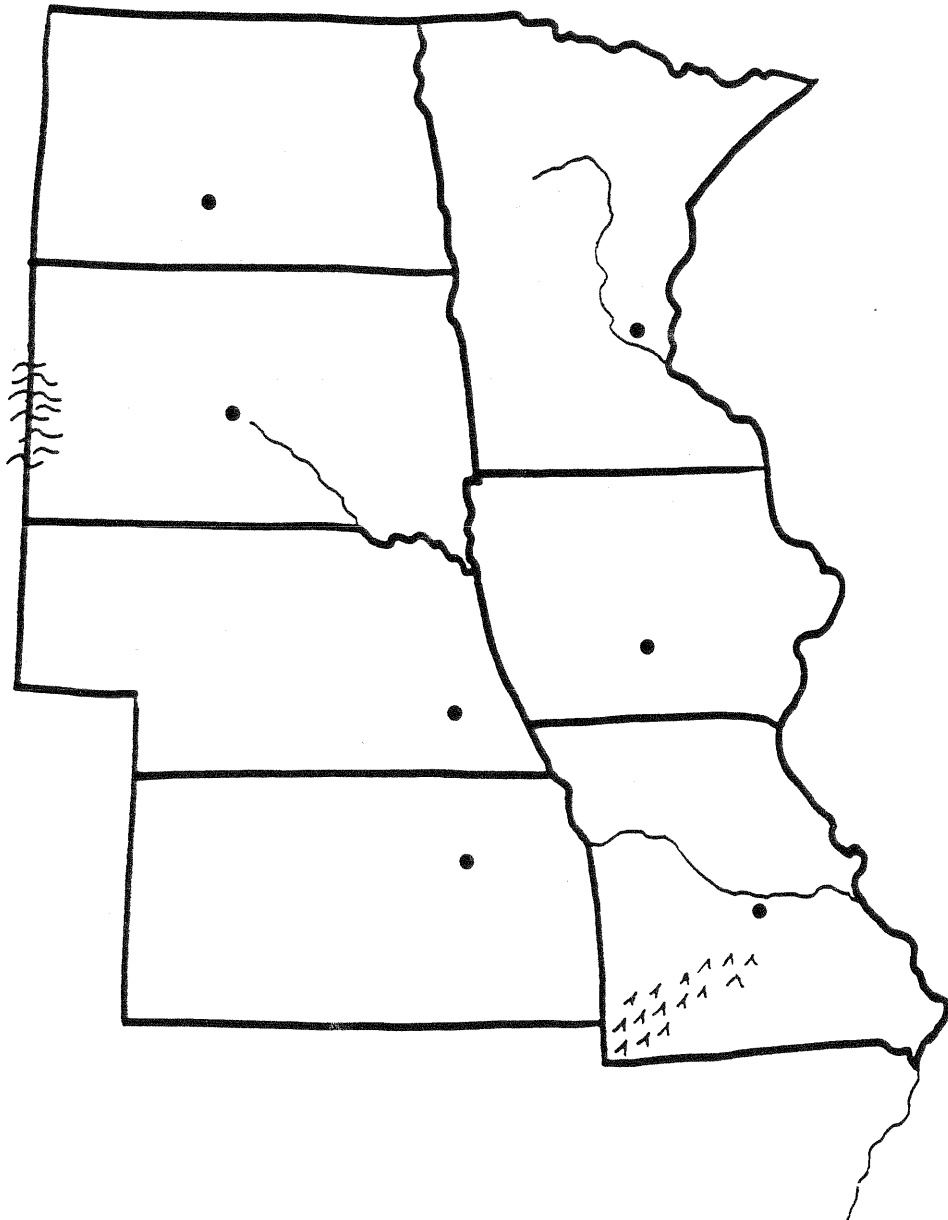### RED

Iowa
South Dakota
Missouri
Minnesota
Nebraska
North Dakota
Kansas

GREEN

St. Paul
Topeka
Pierre
Lincoln
Jefferson City
Bismarck
Des Moines

BLACK

Mississippi River
Missouri River
Black Hills
Ozark Mountains

2. **With colored pencils, shade in each state:** North Dakota (pink); South Dakota (yellow); Nebraska (green); Kansas (brown); Minnesota (blue); Iowa (orange); Missouri (purple).

Name _____

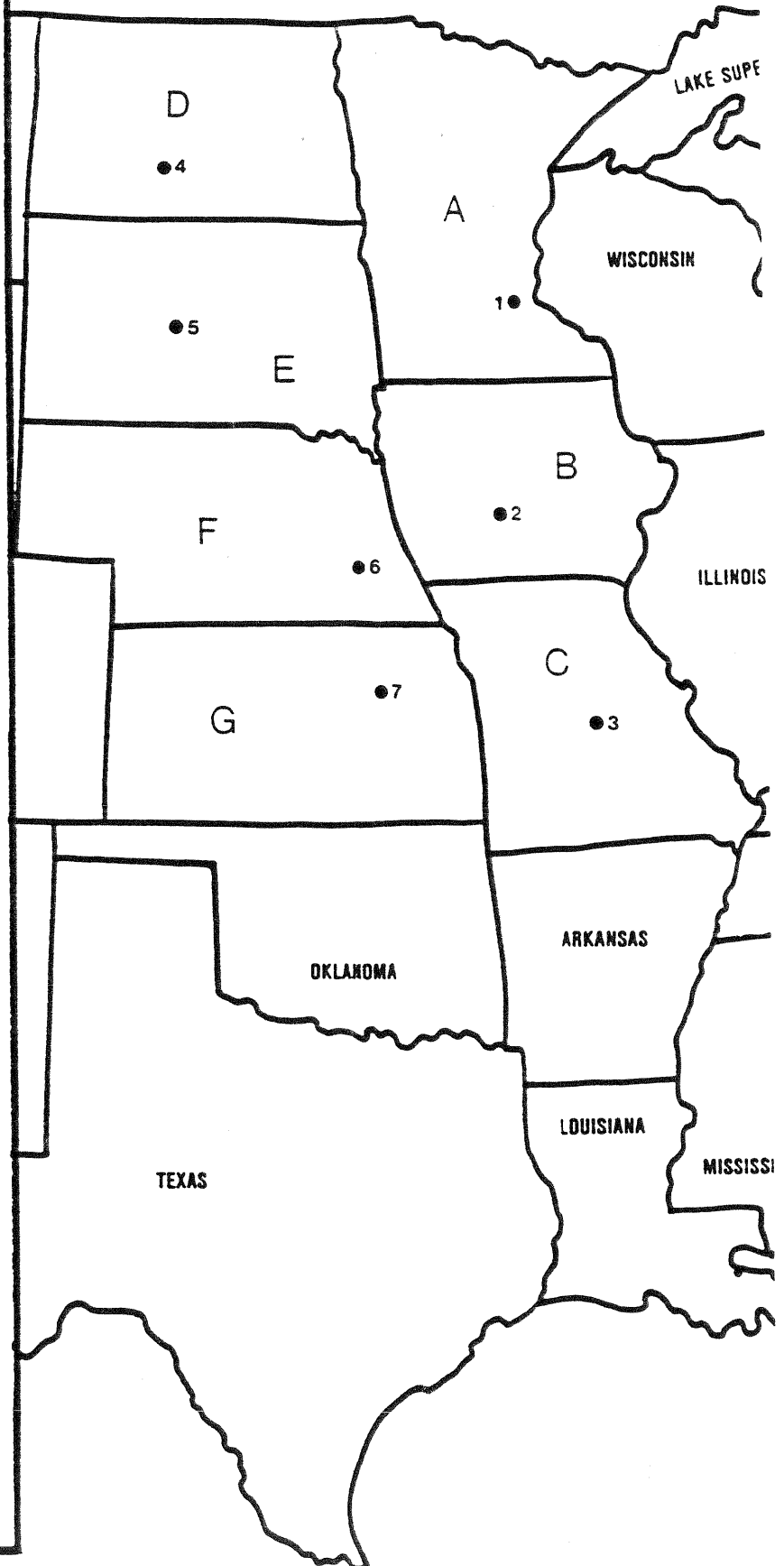Match each location to its correct letter or numeral.

LOCATIONS

Missouri	South Dakota
Iowa	Topeka
Minnesota	Lincoln
St. Paul	Nebraska
Des Moines	Kansas
Jefferson City	Bismarck
North Dakota	Pierre

STATES

A. _____
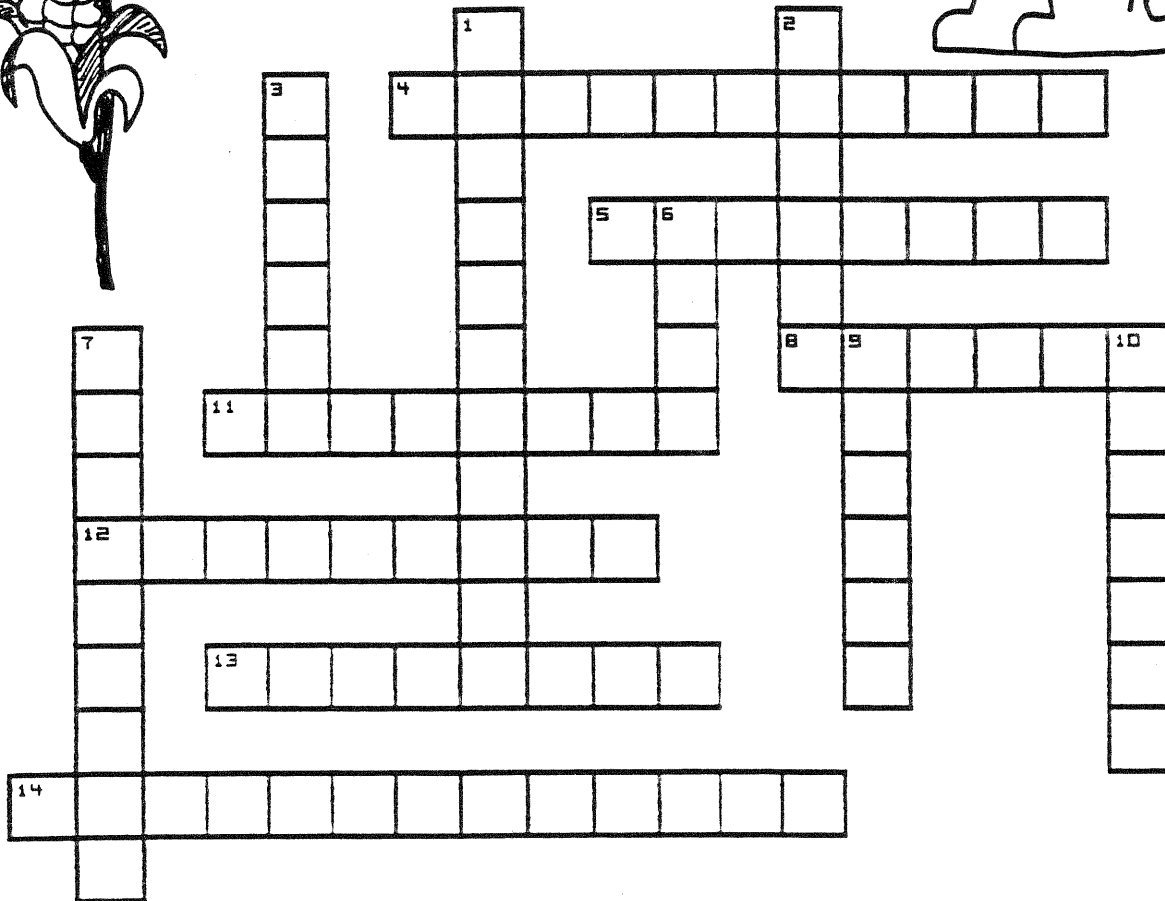
B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

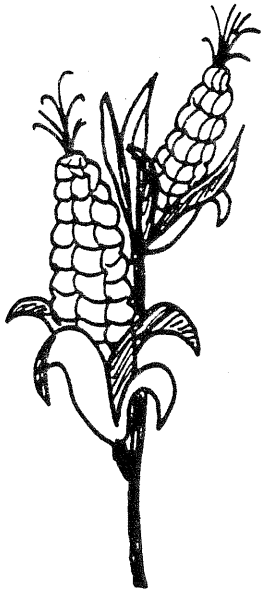## CAPITALS

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

LAKE SUPE

WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS

ARKANSAS

OKLAHOMA

LOUISIANA

MISSISSI

TEXAS

D

A

E

B

F

C

G

●4

●5

●1

●6

●2

●7

●3

Regions of the United States

North Central States

ACROSS CLUES:
4. state northwest of Minnesota
5. state north of Arkansas
8. capital of Minnesota
11. state south of South Dakota
12. state north of Iowa
13. capital of North Dakota
14. capital of Missouri

DOWN CLUES:
1. state north of Nebraska
2. state south of Nebraska
3. capital of South Dakota
6. state south of Minnesota
7. capital of Iowa
9. capital of Kansas
10. capital of Nebraska

North Central States

North Dakota is the home of the Badlands, a sandstone, shale, and clay valley of beautiful and interesting shapes. Most of North Dakota is farmland and large ranches. Theodore Roosevelt owned two ranches in North Dakota.

Minnesota produces more iron than any other state. The world-famous Mayo Clinic is located in Rochester. The Mississippi River begins in Itasca State Park. Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox are lumbering legends.

South Dakota is most famous for Mount Rushmore, located in the Black Hills. This monument has the faces of four Presidents carved in the side of a mountain. The Homestake Mine at Lead is the largest gold mine in the United States. Deadwood is an historic gold rush town.

Nebraska is where Arbor Day was started. This is a special day for planting trees. Omaha has a large meat packing industry. Boy's Town, near Omaha, is a home for neglected and homeless boys. Agriculture is the main industry in Nebraska.

Kansas is the leading wheat-producing state. It is often called "The Breadbasket of America" because it produces so much flour for the bakers of America. Abilene was the home of President Dwight Eisenhower.

Iowa is a leading producer of corn and hogs. The nation's largest popcorn plant is located in Sioux City. Education is important in Iowa, and 99 percent of the people can read and write!

Hannibal, **Missouri**, was the home of Mark Twain, the author of the book *Tom Sawyer*. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is the world's tallest monument. It is shaped like a rainbow. The Ozark Mountains are a beautiful place for a vacation.

Name the state . . .

1. Mount Rushmore

_____

2. source of the Mississippi River

_____

3. "Breadbasket of the Nation"

_____

4. home of the Mayo Clinic

_____

5. Black Hills

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6. President Eisenhower's home

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7. The Badlands

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8. producer of corn and hogs

_____

9. Boy's Town

_____
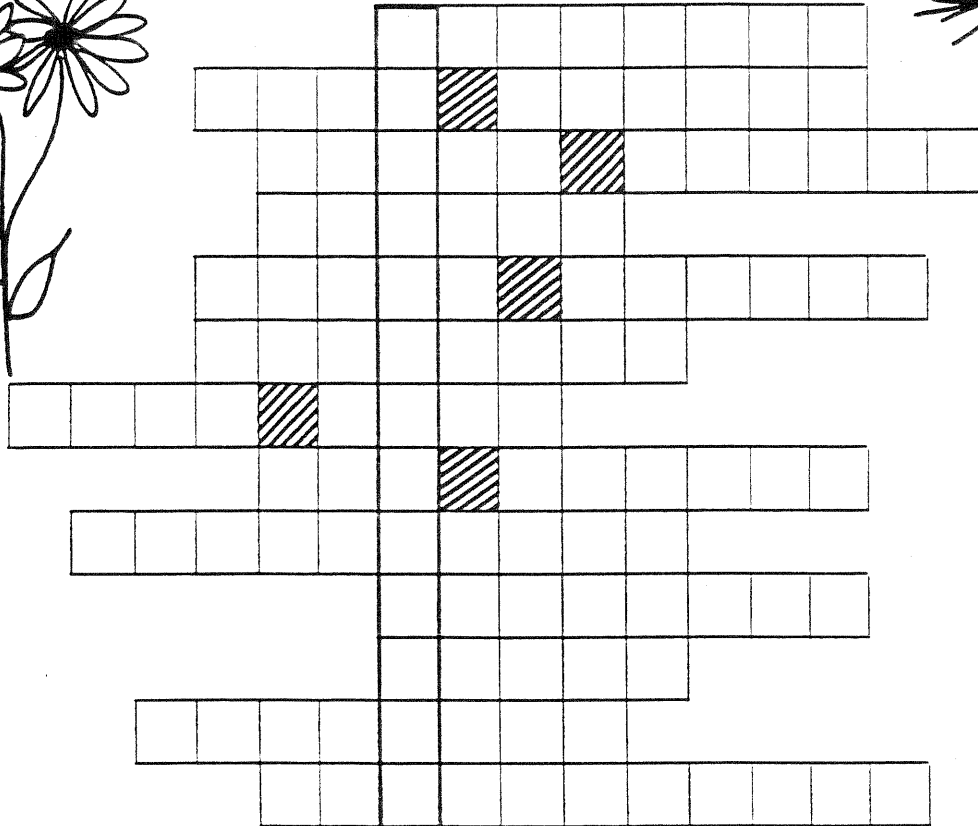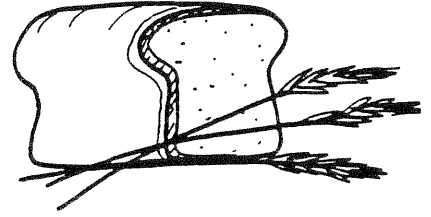
10. Gateway Arch

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North Central States

Complete this puzzle with answers to the questions below.

1. I am the state in which Mark Twain grew up. What state am I?
2. I am a world-famous clinic in Minnesota. What is my name?
3. I am the state located north of Nebraska. What state am I?
4. I am the leading wheat-producing state. What state am I?
5. I am the state in which the Badlands are located. What state am I?
6. I am the state north of Kansas. What state am I?
7. I am Deadwood. What kind of famous town am I?
8. I am the capital of Iowa. What is my name?
9. Kansas was my home. What U.S. President was I?
10. I am the Gateway Arch. I am the tallest of what type of building?
11. I am the city near which Boy's Town is located. What city am I?
12. I am the Great Lake which borders Minnesota. What Great Lake am I?
13. I am the state of Kansas, "The _____ of America."
    What word is missing from my nickname?

Four Presidents' heads are carved into this mountain. What is its name? (letters in the vertical box on the puzzle spell the answer)

Social Studies
North Central Region   Name _____ , _ _____

Label the following on your map. Please print and do your neatest work.

Map #1

1. State names

2. Capital cities - Use a star with the name.

3. Color each state a different color with colored pencils like on p. 361.

Map #2

1. Label the mountains, hills, and plains.

    a. Black Hills   c. Ozark Plateau   e. Great Plains
    b. Badlands   d. Superior Upland   f. Central Plains

2. Label the bodies of water, then color them light blue.

    a. The Great Lakes   d. Mississippi River   f. Ohio River
    b. Missouri River   e. Platte River   g. Illinois River
    c. Arkansas River

3. Label the following major cities. Use a dot to mark their location.

    a. Minneapolis   e. Wichita   h. Milwaukee
    b. Omaha   f. Kansas   i. Chicago
    c. St. Louis   g. Cleveland   j. Detroit
    d. Cincinnati

4. Lightly shade map #2 to represent the land formations on p. 151.

Boundary of Census Region