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# NEW ENGLAND STATES

**Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.**

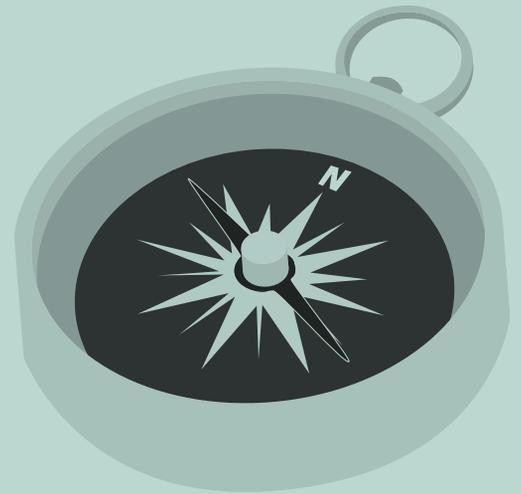
The first region of the United States you will study is New England. As you look at the map below, you will see the area of New England highlighted in orange. New England is located in the northeast area of the United States. The country of Canada is north of New England. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east. The state of New York is west and south of New England. The six states that make up New England are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.



## Objectives

**Read these unit objectives.** The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Locate the New England states.
2. Know the geography of the New England states.
3. List natural resources found in New England.
4. State the types of businesses and employers found in New England.
5. Know some of New England's settlers.
6. Recognize the importance of education in New England.
7. Identify the pastimes of the people living in New England.



# 1. NEW ENGLAND GEOGRAPHY

You will begin this LIFEPAC by studying the geography of New England. You will learn the names of some of New England's land features. You will also learn the names of New England's major cities. New England's location impacts the types of food people grow, the places they live, and the activities they do.

## Objectives

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Locate the New England states.
2. Know the geography of the New England states.

## Vocabulary

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this section.

**contiguous** (kən-tĭg'yōō-əs). Sharing a border, touching. The contiguous United States consists of the lower 48 states which have borders that touch each other.

**Nor'easter** (nôr-ē'stər). A severe fall or winter storm off the eastern coast of the United States or Canada.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

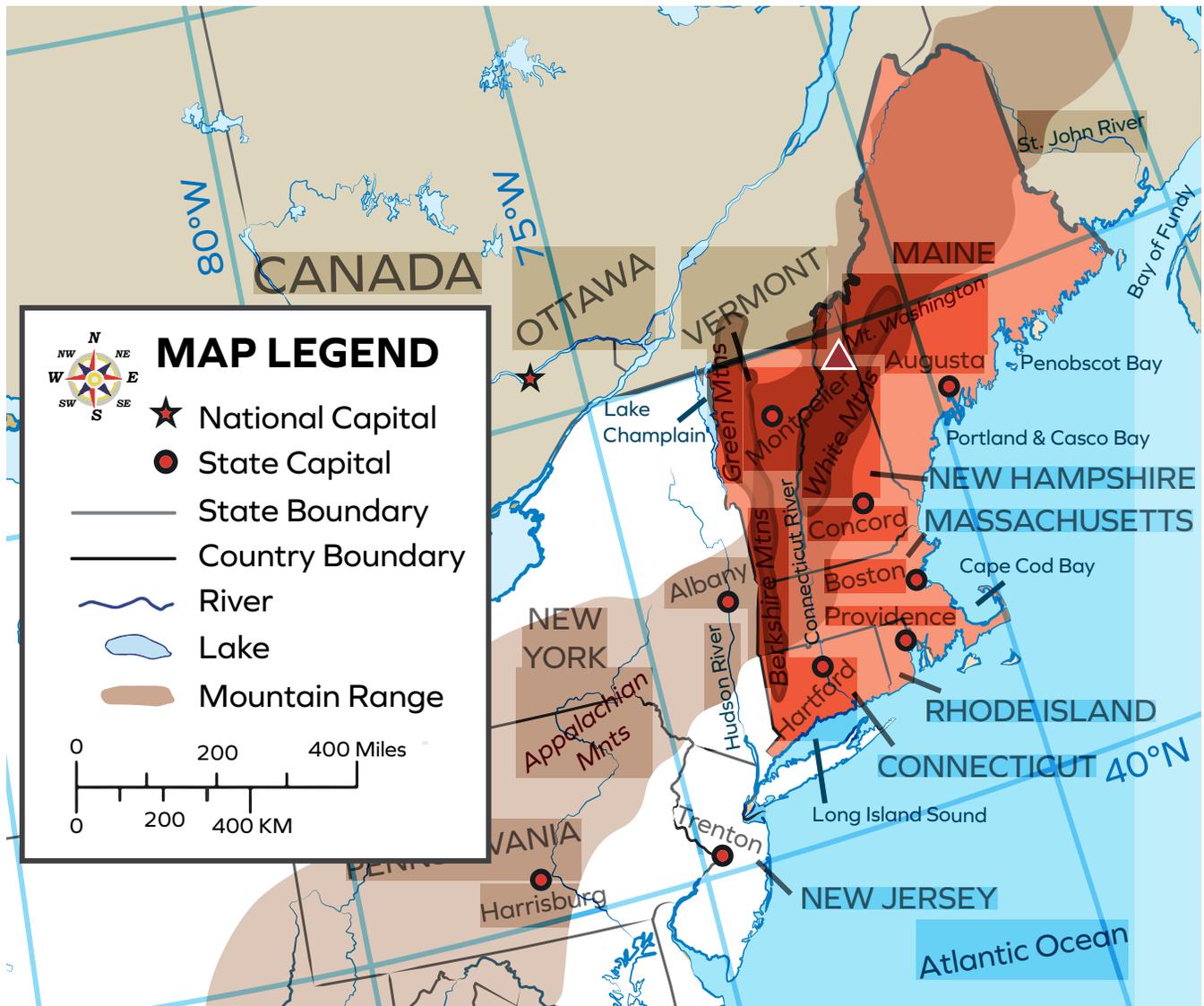
**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /FH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

Ask your teacher to say these vocabulary words with you.


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## States in New England

Before you study the New England states, look at the map below. The map will introduce you to the New England area.





**Answer the questions based on the map of the New England states.**

- 1.1** Notice that the borders of states are marked with thick black lines. What are the six states that make up the New England area? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.2** A red circle marks the state capital of each state. What are the six state capitals in New England? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.3** What ocean is located to the east of the New England states?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.4** What state is south of Vermont? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.5** What state is west of New Hampshire? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.6** What state capital is the farthest north? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.7** The symbol for mountains is . What three mountain ranges are in New England? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.8** What is the largest New England state? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.9** What is the smallest New England state?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.10** What country borders the New England states to the north?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.11** What river forms the border between New Hampshire and Vermont? \_\_\_\_\_

## Geographical Features

All of the New England states, except Vermont, border the Atlantic Ocean. The long New England coastline has many bays and islands. Two famous bays are Penobscot Bay in Maine and Cape Cod Bay in Massachusetts.

Because of its many bays, Massachusetts is called the “Bay State.” Off the shores of New England are many small islands. Well-known New England islands include Mount Desert Island, Maine; Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts; and Block Island, Rhode Island. These islands are popular vacation places during the summer months.



| The beach on Martha’s Vineyard

New England has rolling hills, mountains, and forests. Because of its many forests, Maine is called the “Pine Tree State.” Three mountain ranges found in New England are the White Mountains in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains in Vermont, and the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Vermont’s state nickname is the “Green Mountain” state in honor of the mountains in its state. The highest wind speed in the **contiguous** United States was recorded on Mount Washington in New Hampshire. It was 231 miles per hour!

The longest river in New England is the Connecticut River. This river creates the border between New Hampshire and Vermont. The Connecticut River flows through the middle of Massachusetts and Connecticut. This river is over 400 miles long and flows into Long Island Sound.



The St. John River is the northernmost river in New England. This river begins in Maine. It forms part of the border between the United States and Canada. It flows into the Bay of Fundy in Canada.

Lake Champlain is the largest lake in the region. It lies between Vermont and New York State. The region is dotted with many other smaller lakes and ponds.

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**Fill in the blank.**

- 1.12** The Green Mountains are located in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.13** The highest wind speed in the contiguous United States happened on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.14** The largest lake in the region is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Weather

If you look at a map of New England, you may be able to predict some things about the region's weather. You have learned that there are mountains in New England. In these areas, the weather is cold and snowy in the winter. The map also shows that New England is located in the northern part of the United States. You will probably not be surprised to learn that New England has cold, wet winters. Snow falls throughout New England in the winter months.

The summer months in New England are warm and wet. Thunderstorms are frequent throughout the summer months. The average summer temperatures are 80 degrees F. in the north to 85 degrees F. in the south. Because of the heat, many New England residents enjoy going on summer vacations. They like to travel to the ocean shore where there are cooler breezes. They also go on trips to the mountains which are cooler during the summer months.

A unique weather system in New England is a **Nor'easter**. Nor'easters occur when warm air from as far away as the Gulf of Mexico moves up the East Coast and mixes with cold, arctic air from the north. Nor'easters can happen at any time of the year, but they generally happen in winter. In the winter, Nor'easters bring high winds, incredible cold, and large amounts of snow. Nor'easters are dangerous storms that close down airports, roads, and ports. Because of the high winds and ice, power outages often accompany these storms.



| Satellite view of Nor'easter over New England

**Fill in the blank.**

- 1.15** A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a dangerous storm that generally occurs in winter.
- 1.16** Nor'easter's can get their warm air from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.17** High winds and \_\_\_\_\_ can accompany Nor'easters.

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**For this Self Test, study what you have read and done.** The Self Test will check what you remember.

# SELF TEST 1

Each answer = 1 point

Choose the correct answer.

- 1.01** \_\_\_\_\_ is not a New England state.  
 a. New York                      b. New Hampshire      c. Maine
- 1.02** \_\_\_\_\_ is not a state capital in New England.  
 a. Boston                      b. Providence              c. Sacramento
- 1.03** The country of \_\_\_\_\_ is located north of New England.  
 a. Mexico                      b. Canada                      c. England
- 1.04** A storm system that affects New England is called a  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Westerner                      b. Nor'easter                      c. Windy
- 1.05** The highest wind speed recorded in the contiguous U.S. was on  
 Mount \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. Lincoln                      b. Columbia                      c. Washington

Answer *true* or *false*.

- 1.06** \_\_\_\_\_ Providence is the capital of Rhode Island.
- 1.07** \_\_\_\_\_ Connecticut is the only New England state without a shoreline.
- 1.08** \_\_\_\_\_ New England has cold, dry summers.
- 1.09** \_\_\_\_\_ The Atlantic Ocean is located to the east of New England.
- 1.010** \_\_\_\_\_ There are eight New England states.

**Fill in the blank.**

**1.011** \_\_\_\_\_ is the most northern New England state.

**1.012** The \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains are located in Vermont.

**1.013** The \_\_\_\_\_ River forms the border between Vermont and New Hampshire.

**1.014** Lake \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest lake in New England.

**1.015** Nor'easters can get their warm air from the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Teacher check:**

Score \_\_\_\_\_

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