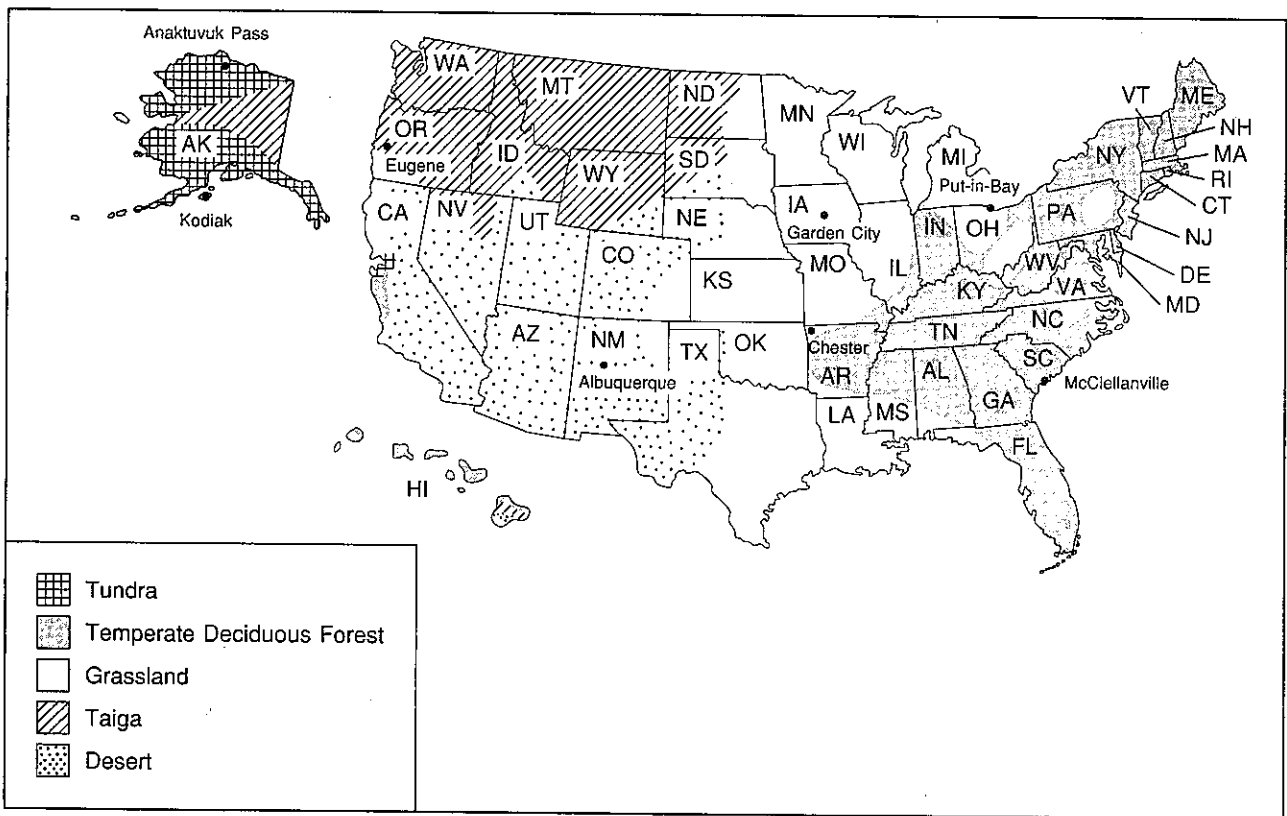


## Comparing Biomes of the United States

The land that makes up the United States is comprised of many of the world's terrestrial biomes. In this activity, you will compare the characteristics of these biomes and some of the effects of biomes on the lives of people who live in them.



Use the map showing the biomes of the United States and what you know about biomes to answer the following questions.

1. a. How is the biome of Northern Alaska like that of Arizona? \_\_\_\_\_

b. How is it different? \_\_\_\_\_

2. a. How is the biome of Virginia like that of Oregon?

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b. How is it different?

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3. a. In what way are the biomes of Iowa and Pennsylvania alike?

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b. In what ways are they different?

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4. Imagine that the farmlands in Illinois and New York have been abandoned. After 300 years, how will the vegetation on these farmlands differ?

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5. a. How is the biome of Southern Alaska like that of Central Alaska?

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b. How are the biomes different?

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6. Wheat and other grain crops are grasses and grow best in the grassland biome. Which town on the map would be considered a wheat-growing community?

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7. Students in Eugene, Oregon, and Chester, Arkansas, like to go hiking in the woods. What are some differences in the trees they are likely to see on their hikes?

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8. Students in Kodiak, Alaska, and McClellanville, South Carolina, live in areas where commercial fishing is important to the economy. In what ways might you expect these students' lives to be different?

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9. Most students have seen caribou, which live in the tundra, only in zoos. In which towns are these animals seen in the wild?

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