

In this activity, you are to classify certain states in the United States using a taxonomic key. A taxonomic, or classification, key is a listing of specific characteristics. To identify the states, you will need a map of the United States.

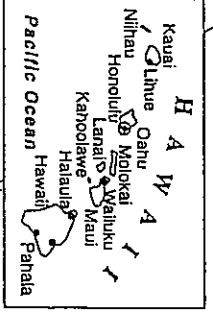
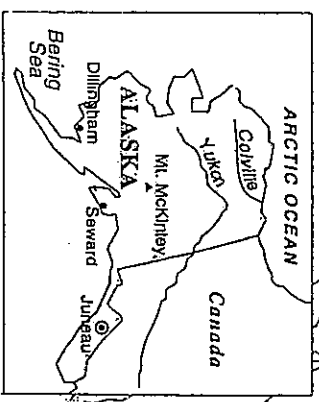
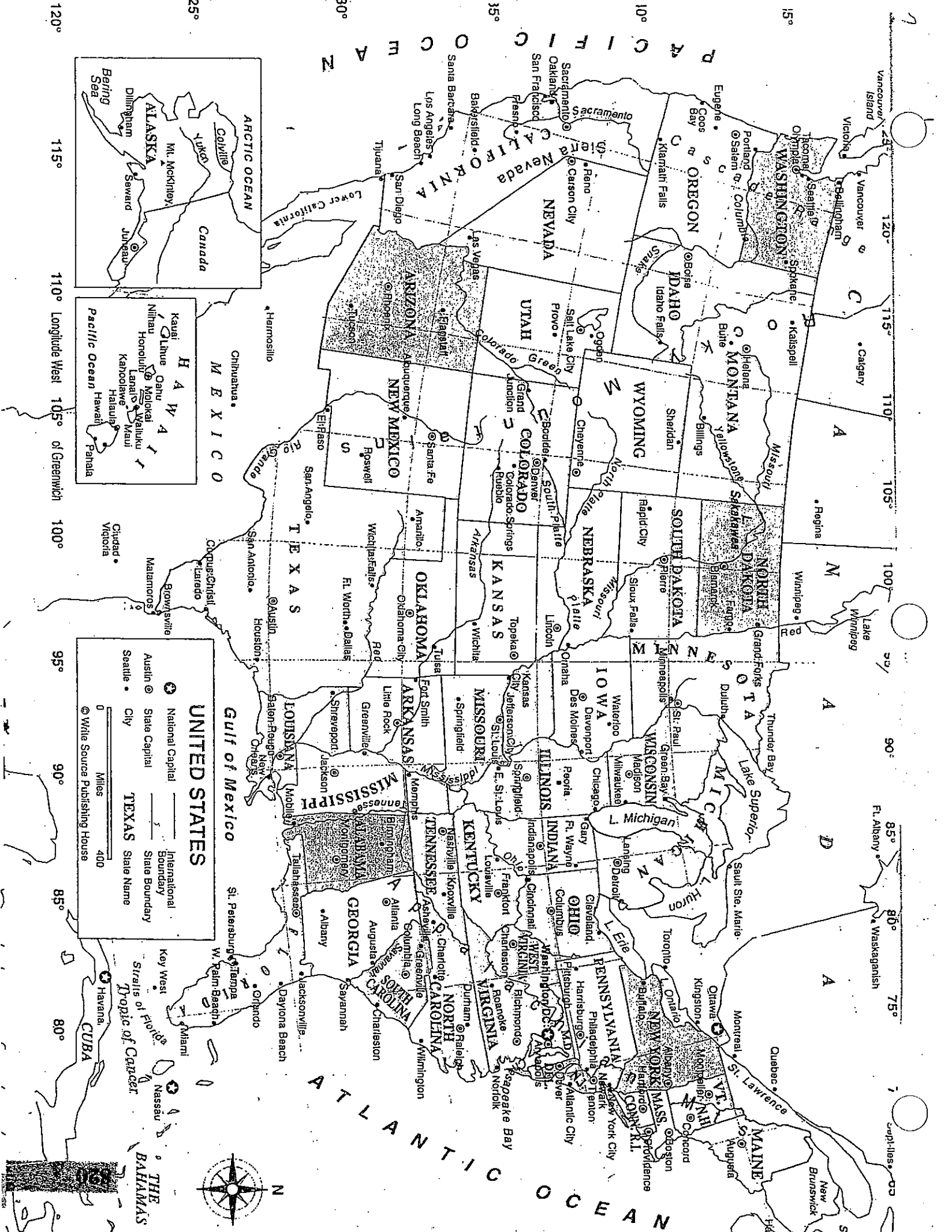
Read each phrase and follow the directions given. Write the name of the state on the line provided. Choose your answers from the following list.

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|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Arkansas   | Kentucky    | New York       |
| California | Louisiana   | North Carolina |
| Colorado   | Minnesota   | Tennessee      |
| Illinois   | Missouri    | Wisconsin      |
| Iowa       | Mississippi |                |

### A Taxonomic Key

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|----|---|----------|
| 1  | A. Borders on the Mississippi River                           | Go to 2  |
|    | B. Does not border on the Mississippi River                   | Go to 11 |
| 2  | A. Begins with the letter M                                   | Go to 3  |
|    | B. Does not begin with the letter M                           | Go to 5  |
| 3  | A. Shares a border with Tennessee                             | Go to 4  |
|    | B. Does not share a border with Tennessee                     |          |
| 4  | A. Its capital is Jackson                                     |          |
|    | B. Its capital is not Jackson                                 |          |
| 5  | A. Has 8 or more letters in its name                          | Go to 6  |
|    | B. Has less than 8 letters in its name                        |          |
| 6  | A. The entire state lies south of 40 degrees latitude         | Go to 7  |
|    | B. The entire state does not lie south of 40 degrees latitude | Go to 10 |
| 7  | A. Borders on the Gulf of Mexico                              |          |
|    | B. Does not border on the Gulf of Mexico                      | Go to 8  |
| 8  | A. Is East of the Mississippi River                           | Go to 9  |
|    | B. Is West of the Mississippi River                           |          |
| 9  | A. Is nicknamed the "Volunteer State" ( <i>Texas</i> )        |          |
|    | B. Is not nicknamed the "Volunteer State"                     |          |
| 10 | A. Is well-known for its dairy products ( <i>Cheese</i> )     |          |
|    | B. Is not well-known for dairy products                       |          |
| 11 | A. Was one of the 13 original colonies                        | Go to 12 |
|    | B. Was not one of the 13 original colonies                    | Go to 13 |
| 12 | A. Borders on the Great Lakes                                 |          |
|    | B. Does not border on the Great Lakes                         |          |
| 13 | A. Contains the Sierra Nevada Mountains                       |          |
|    | B. Does not contain the Sierra Nevada Mountains               |          |

Classify the States



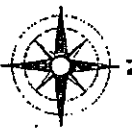
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 State Name

**UNITED STATES**

- National Capital
- State Capital
- City
- International Boundary
- State Boundary

**TEXAS**  
 State Name

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**THE BAHAMAS**  
 Nassau

Key West  
 Straits of Florida  
 Typical of Cagar

**CUBA**  
 Havana