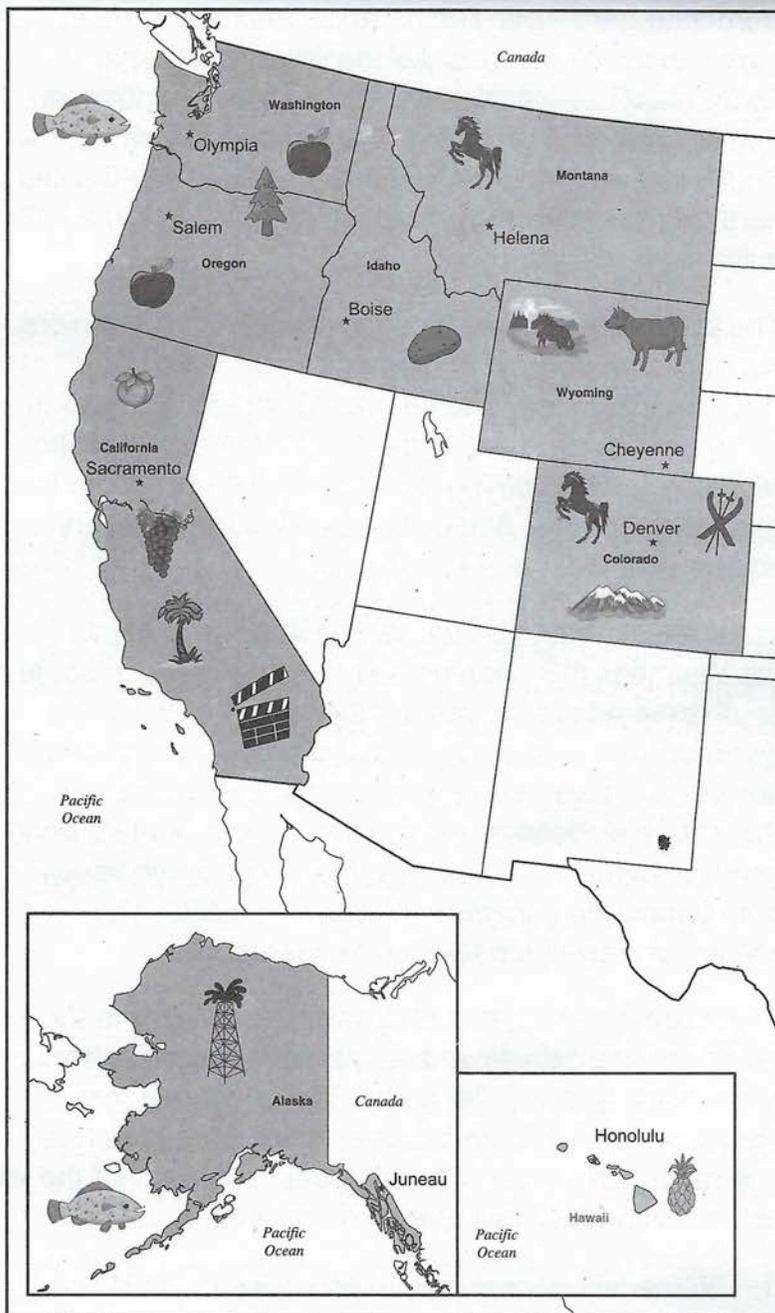


The human geography of the West is very diverse. The northern coasts are famous for their fishing industry. Deep-sea fishermen catch crab, tuna, and cod off the coasts of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. The urban areas of the West have universities and large businesses. For example, Silicon Valley near San Francisco is a large technology industrial area. Los Angeles is home to a vast entertainment industry.

Rural areas of the West have fertile farmlands. For example, farmers in the West grow avocados, berries, almonds, apples, pears, grapes, peppers, and artichokes. Ranchers in rural areas raise cattle, horses, and hogs. Timber is also a large industry that employs many people living in rural areas. The human geography of Hawaii is mainly focused on tourism and farming. For example, in Hawaii many people help grow pineapples, orchids, and tropical plants. In Alaska, many work for the oil-and-gas industry.



1. In what states would you find fruit?

2. In what states would you find timber?

3. What two industries can you name in California? _____

4. What industries might you find in a rural area? _____

5. What are some common animals that can be found in rural areas? _____

6. What kinds of fish can be found in the Pacific? _____