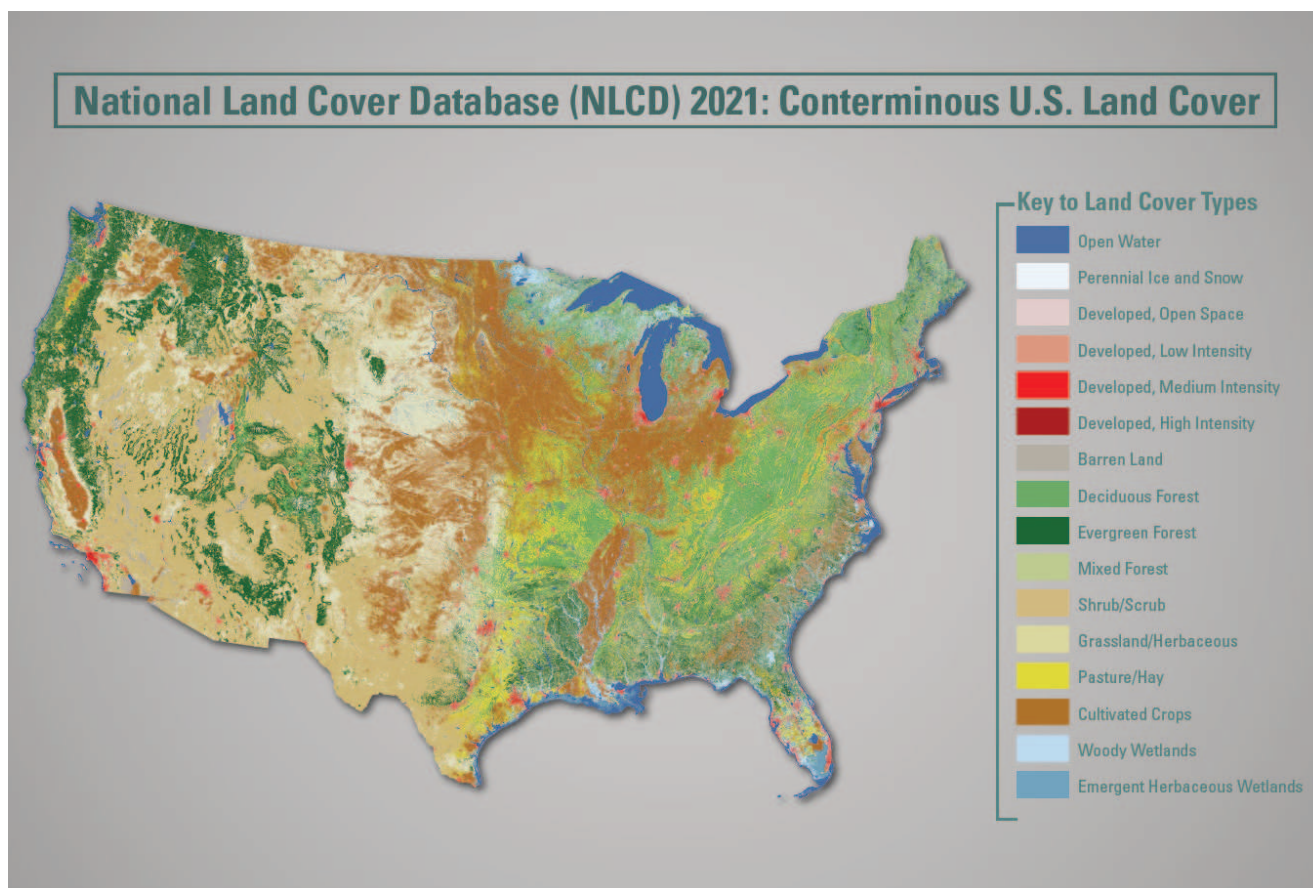


GRADE 4, UNIT 5

Regions of the United States



CLASSROOM RESOURCES



A land cover map of the United States with classifications including forest, water, grasslands, wetlands, and developed areas. Image by U.S. Geological Survey, public domain.

Included Resources

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Unit 4.5 Word Wall Vocabulary Cards	1

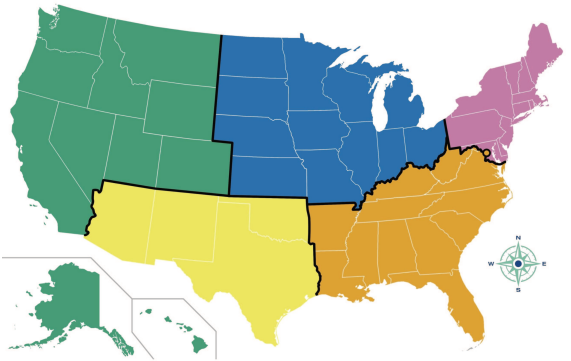


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Unit 4.5 Word Wall Vocabulary Cards

Directions: Print and cut out these vocabulary cards to use on the Word Wall in the classroom.

Word and Definition	Image
region a geographic area with common features	

Word and Definition

culture

the knowledge, beliefs,
and ways of life shared
by a group of people

Image



Word and Definition	Image
diverse differing from one another	 An illustration of a diverse group of ten people of various ethnicities and ages. The group includes a man with a mustache, a woman with red hair, a man with a beard and glasses, a woman with glasses, a man with a beard, a woman with dark hair, a man with a beard, a woman with blonde hair, a man with a beard, and a woman with dark hair. They are all smiling and looking towards the viewer.

Word and Definition	Image
immigrate to move to another country to live permanently	 A map of the United States in light green. An orange arrow points from the right towards the center of the map. The word "INTO" is written in blue capital letters on the orange arrow.

Word and Definition	Image
emigrate to leave one's native country to live somewhere else	

Word and Definition

cuisine

a style of cooking
that is characteristic
of a country or region

Image



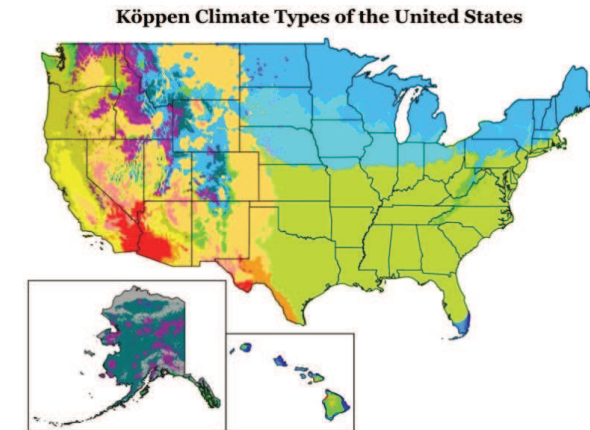
Word and Definition	Image
adapt to change to fit the environment	

Word and Definition

climate

the long-term
weather patterns of a region

Image



Word and Definition	Image
natural resource an element found in nature that is useful or has value to humans	

Word and Definition

agriculture

the practice of growing
crops and raising
farm animals for food

Image



Word and Definition

sustainable

a way of using a resource
while leaving enough
for the future

Image



Word and Definition

industry

a group of businesses
that process a resource
into products

Image



Word and Definition	Image
extract to take a natural resource out of the land or water	 A photograph of an oil drilling rig in a field. The rig is a tall, yellow structure with a derrick. In the background, there are some white storage tanks and a few people standing near a white pickup truck. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Word and Definition

natural disaster

a sudden event in nature that causes a lot of damage, such as a flood, storm, drought, or wildfire

Image



Word and Definition

strategy

a planned way to reach
a goal or solve a problem

Image



Word and Definition

Indigenous knowledge

understandings and practices that Indigenous peoples have built over thousands of years by observing and caring for the land

Image



Word and Definition	Image
mitigate to make something less harmful	

Word and Definition

coastal flooding

when ocean water
rises and flows onto land,
flooding communities
near the shore

Image



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