

**TEACHER'S NOTES**

1. Geographers often divide large territories such as the United States into smaller units to examine them more closely.
2. The United States encompasses some 3 million 794 thousand square miles .
3. The United States is the third largest country in the world, only Russia and Canada are bigger.
4. America consists of 50 states.
5. They are bordered by the nation of Canada on the north and Mexico to the south
6. Each of these 48 states shares a border with at least one other state
7. Alaska shares its eastern boundary with Canada.
8. Alaska is more than 500 times the size of Rhode Island.
9. Rhode Island's population exceeds Alaska's by over 400, 000 people