

Place Name Worksheet

Locate these words on a U.S. map.

French	Spanish	Native American	English
Beau or Belle	Amarillo	Apache	Birmingham
Croix: Cross	Baja	Cherokee	Boston
Grand	Cruz	Cheyenne	Cambridge
Isle	Nuevo	Dakota	Dover
Platte	Rio	Miami	Flint
Prairie	San or Santa	Navajo	Newark
Rouge	Sierra	Sioux	Portland

After finding these places on the United States map, answer the following questions.

1. What patterns did you notice? Are there similar place names in one section of the country?
2. Do you notice anything odd or unusual?
3. Based on the data, what regions did the Spanish, French, and English people explore?
Spanish _____
French _____
English _____
4. Where did/do the Native Americans live?

Answer Key for Place Name Worksheet

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. Spain – Florida, Southwest, Nevada, Colorado, California
France – NW Border/Canada, Great Lakes, Louisiana, Mississippi River Valley
England- Everywhere, especially in New England
4. Everywhere except Hawaii (Polynesian)

Name _____

Name That Place--Sentence Completion

The patterns I noticed were _____
_____.

I noticed that _____ and _____ did not fit the
pattern.

The Spanish explored the _____ region.

The French explored the _____ region.

The English explored the _____ region.

Did the Native Americans only live in one region? Yes or No

Name That Place Summary Writing Prompt

You are a geographer recording information about place names in the U.S.A. Write a summary of your information for *National Geographic Magazine*. Explain what you observed about place names in your summary.

Use the answers to the questions on your Place Name Worksheet to help you with this assignment.

Student Checklist

- Did you mention patterns you observed?
- Where were the Native American names located?
- What regions did Spanish, French and English people explore?