**Place Name Worksheet**

Locate these words on a U.S. map.

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<th>French</th>
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<td>Beau or Belle</td>
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<td>Cherokee</td>
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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
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?