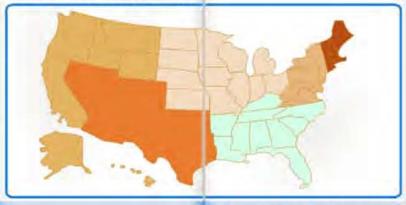
### Star-Spangled Planner

Each of our 50 United
States offers opportunities
for exciting family
vacations. Whether you
want to ski in the
mountains or swim off a
sandy coast, you can have
loads of fun in any region.
You can journey into U.S.
history or soak up nature's
wonders. Here are some
of the highlights you'll find
in each region of the
U.S.A.

#### The Northeast

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

In the Northeast, the oldest tales from United States history mingle with scenes of stunning beauty. The region stretches from the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts to the rocky Atlantic coast. Each village has its own interesting story from colonial times.



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A sentence in this paragraph states the main idea of this brochure. Can you find that sentence?

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#### **Know Before You Go!**

Bring your hiking boots to New Hampshire. Mount Washington is the highest point in the Northeast. Its peak rises to 6,288 feet. History buffs love Boston, Massachusetts. In Boston you can walk the Freedom Trail.



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This walking tour links
16 American landmarks.
One site is the Old State
House, where the 1770
Boston Massacre occurred.
Nature puts on a show
every fall. Tourists also
trek throughout the
Northeast to visit as the
forests change colors



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#### The Mid-Atlantic

Delaware, District of
Columbia, Maryland, New
Jersey, New York,
Pennsylvania, Virginia,
West Virginia
Large cities dominate the
Mid-Atlantic region. New
York City is the biggest,
busiest city in the United
States. Washington, D.C.,
is the home of the federal
government. Hundreds of
other places in the MidAtlantic offer opportunities
for fun vacations.

#### **Know Before You Go!**

If you like museums, you will love Washington, D.C. The 16 Smithsonian Institution museums hold major collections of art, science, and cultural artifacts. They are all free to the public.



Our government was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here you can visit Independence Hall. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were signed there.

According to legend, baseball began in the 1800s in Cooperstown, New York. Today, the small town is home to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

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How will you pronounce the following word: cit-ies or ci-ties? The

### DESTINATION READING COURSE 3

### **UNIT 18: Star-Spangled Planner**

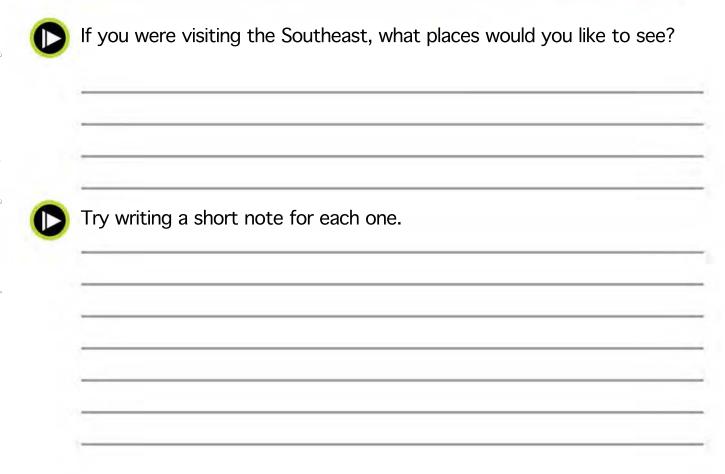
The Southeast Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee Warm weather makes the Southeast a great winter destination for people from the north. The region is also filled with history. Visitors can trace important events from the Civil War to the civil rights movement. For instance, Memphis, Tennessee, is home to the National Civil Rights Museum.

Know Before You Go! In North Carolina, visitors spend time in the Outer Banks region, on the coast of North Carolina. Here you can visit Kitty Hawk, where the Wright brothers took their first flight in 1903.

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The mighty Mississippi River flows along the western edge of the Southeastern states. Riverboat rides are a relaxing way to tour the South. Florida is another popular destination. Some travelers visit the amusement parks of Orlando. Others seek out alligators in the Everglades. Many come to the Sunshine State just for its warm weather.

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#### The Midwest

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin In the Midwest, great waterways enrich vast farmlands. With so many farms, the region is called America's Breadbasket. Tourists can enjoy farmrelated festivals in every state. The National Cherry Festival in Michigan and the Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival are just two examples.

#### Know Before You Go!

The dramatic skyline of Chicago, Illinois, interrupts the flat Midwest landscape. Chicago's Sears Tower is the tallest building in North America.



Minnesota is nicknamed The Land of 10,000 Lakes. Vacationers make full use of those lakes for fishing, camping, and hiking. While enjoying the great outdoors, be sure to listen for the distinctive call of the loon, the Minnesota state bird.



Do you know whose faces are carved into Mount Rushmore? If you travel to South Dakota, you can see this sculpture in person.

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Try taking notes to remember places you'd like to visit and things you'd like to see in the Midwest.

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#### The Southwest

Arizona, Colorado,
Nevada, New Mexico,
Oklahoma, Texas, Utah
The Southwest is a region
of magnificent scenery,
from the Rocky
Mountains of Colorado to
the red rocks of the
Sonoran Desert along the
Mexican-American
border. The region also
includes Texas, the
second largest state in
the nation.

### **Know Before You Go!**

San Antonio, Texas, was the site of an important 1836 battle in the Texas Revolution.
Today you can visit a fort called the Alamo. This was the central location of the Texas Revolution.



Near Sedona, Arizona, dramatic red rock formations bring scenes from old Western movies to life. That's because many of those movies were filmed right there.

Las Vegas is a city carved out of the Nevada desert. The city's blinking lights and luxury hotels have drawn tourists in for decades.

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Where would you look up the meaning of the word "magnificent" — in a dictionary or a glossary? The word doesn't seem to be related to a specific subject or topic.



Do you know which is the largest state in the United States of America? It's Alaska!



What is the main idea of this paragraph? Which details support this idea?

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#### The Pacific West

Alaska, California,
Hawaii, Idaho, Montana,
Oregon, Washington,
Wyoming
No other region offers
such diverse natural
wonders as the Pacific
West. From the jungles of
Hawaii to the glaciers of
Alaska, the region
provides amazing
opposites of climate and
landscape.



### **Know Before You Go!**

Visitors flock to "Old Faithful," a geyser in Yellowstone National Park. The famous waterspout shoots into the air every 45 minutes.

San Francisco, California, draws millions of visitors every year. People love to ride on its network of cable

cars. Riders can hop on or

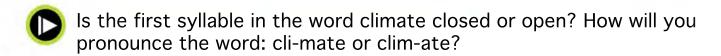
off anywhere along the

route.



The 605-foot Space Needle in Seattle, Washington, is the tallest structure in the West. You can dine at the top in a restaurant that revolves in a circle. Meanwhile, you can watch beautiful views of the Puget Sound.

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- Geyser looks like a word related to geography. Should you look it up in a dictionary or in a glossary?
- What detail in this paragraph supports the main idea about the name of the geyser, "Old Faithful"?
- Which of these places would you like to visit on your next vacation, and why?