



Learning through Literature:

EXPLORING THE UNITED STATES

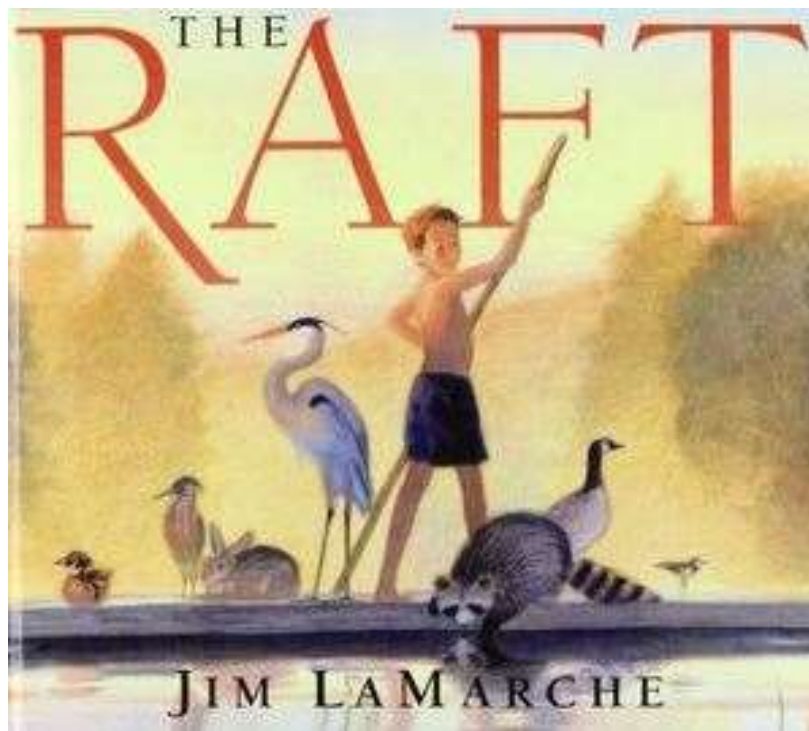
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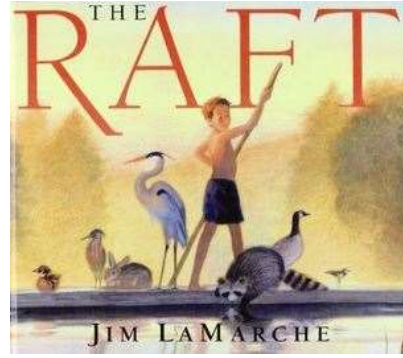
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I cleaned away more leaves and it was like finding presents ... A bear, a fox, a raccoon — all with the wild look of the rabbit. Who had drawn them, I wondered. Where had the raft come from?"



Where does *The Raft* take place? (Circle or color the state)

What region of the country is this in?

Find the flag from this state in the back of this journal, cut it out, and attach it here:



List the names of the states in this region:

Helpful Hint: “No sir! No kind man I meet when I march in Ohio”

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****Bonus: Find the Capitals, too.**

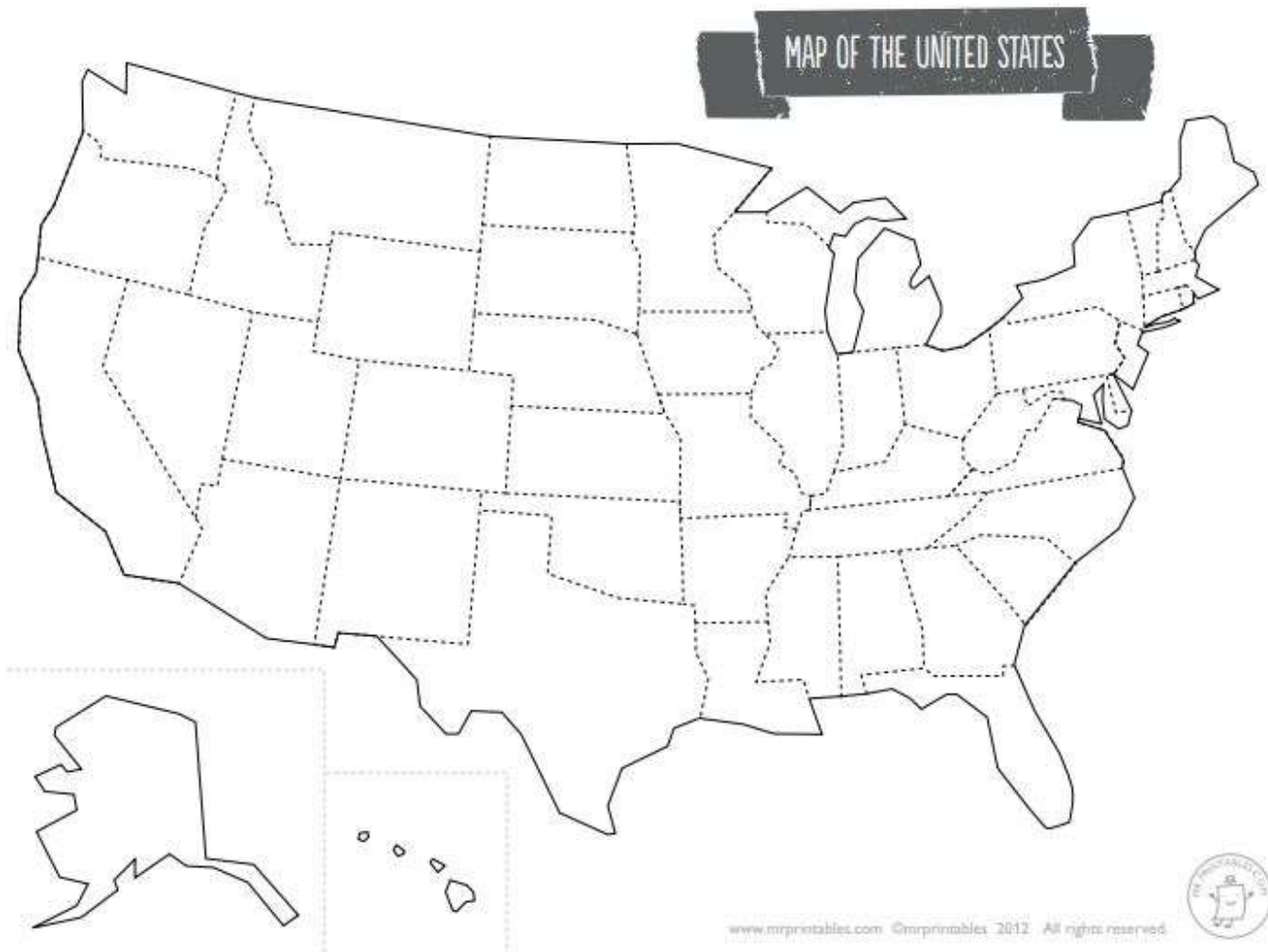
Have you been to any state in this region? If so, write the name of the state below and write (or draw) one special thing about it. If you haven't been to any states in this region, write down one state in the region that you would *like* to visit, and tell us why:

Draw one animal from the story:



Cut out the states in this region and glue them to the map below.

(States can be found at the back of this journal. If you don't want to mess with cutting and glue, you can color and label the states in this region instead)

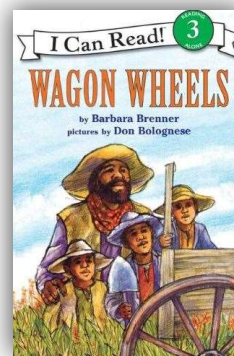
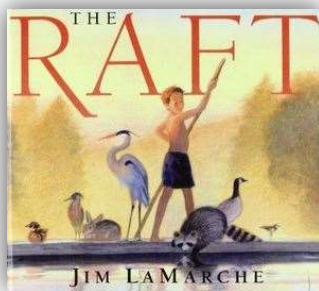
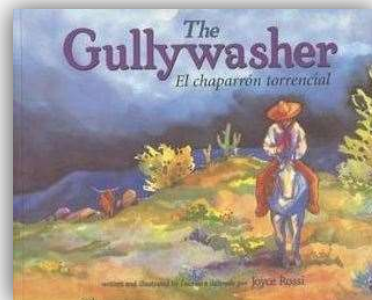
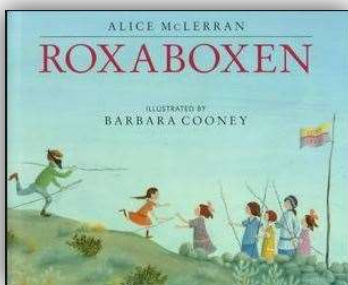
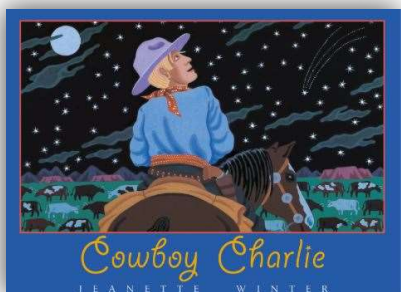
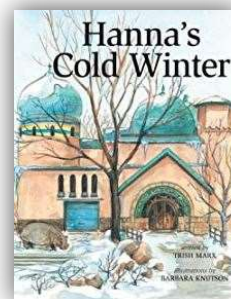
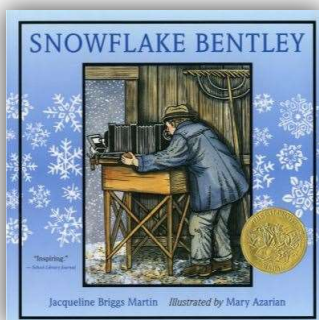
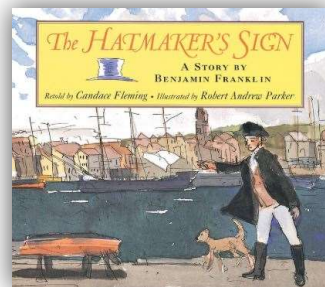
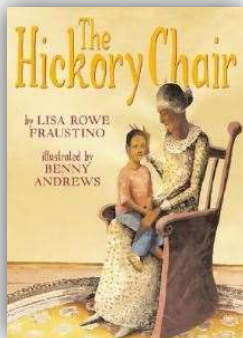
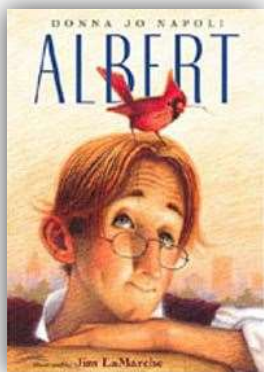


Homework:

The Raft tells the story of how one boy spent his summer, and the exciting adventures he discovered along the way. What about you? How did you spend your summer? Did anything happen this summer that you didn't expect to enjoy, but when you did it, it turned out to be fun? If you need help remembering, ask Mom or Dad to scroll through your summer pictures.

Write a few sentences about something special you did this summer and be ready to share your adventure with the class next week. Props and pictures are welcome, too!

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