

WESTERN REGION OF THE USA

The Western Region of the United States of America

The eleven states that make up the Western Region are Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Hawaii. The region stretches thousands of miles, from Hawaii to Colorado.



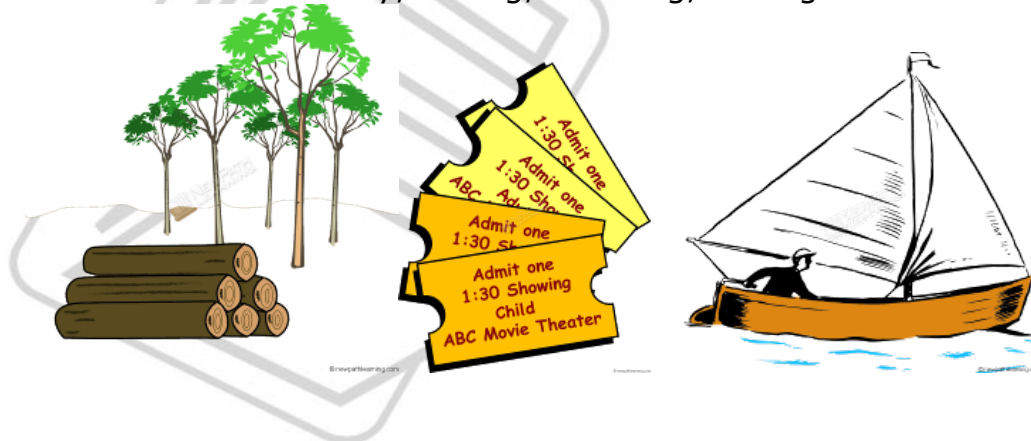
Here are some interesting facts about this region:

Mountain States: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming

Pacific States: Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii

Major Cities: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Juneau, Denver, Boise, Helena, Las Vegas, Portland, Salt Lake City, and Seattle

Economy: agriculture, production of wood products, filmmaking and the entertainment industry, fishing, ranching, mining and tourism



Geographic Features: Pacific Ocean, Rocky Mountains, Great Basin, Death Valley, Columbia River, Yukon River, Snake River, Colorado River, Great Salt Lake, Sierra Nevada Mountains, Cascade Mountains, Mount McKinley, and Mount Kilauea

Resources: gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, natural gas, petroleum, giant sequoia and redwood trees, and hydroelectric power

Landmarks: the Grand Coulee Dam, Hoover Dam, Yellowstone National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Arches National Park, Yosemite National Park, and the Golden Gate Bridge



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Other Interests

- **Mount McKinley**, the highest mountain in North America, is located in Alaska.
- A city in Nevada where gambling is legal is Las Vegas.



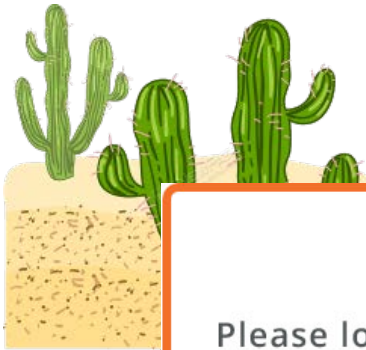
- The **Gold Rush** began in 1848 in California.



- The **last state** added to the Union was **Hawaii**.



- One of the **lowest points** in the Western Hemisphere is a hot, dry desert in California and Nevada named **Death Valley**.



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- The **volcano** in Washington that erupted in 1980 killing dozens of people is **Mount St. Helens**.