

# Guided Reading Activity



## The United States West of the Mississippi River

### Lesson 3 *Life in the United States West of the Mississippi*

**Essential Question:** How does technology change the way people live?

#### The Region's Cities and Rural Areas

**Directions:** Use your textbook to provide an example and an interesting detail for each kind of area where people live and work in the western United States.

Port City

Interior City

Rural Area

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#### Challenges Facing the Region

**Directions:** Use your textbook to explain how each of the following poses challenges in the western United States:

1. An Aging Population: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Open Borders with Canada and Mexico: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Climate: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Oil Industry: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Natural Disasters: \_\_\_\_\_

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### The Economy Today

**Directions:** Complete the chart by providing three to four details about each industry that makes up the economy in the western United States.

Industry	Details
Agriculture	
Mining	
Aerospace and Computer	
Service	