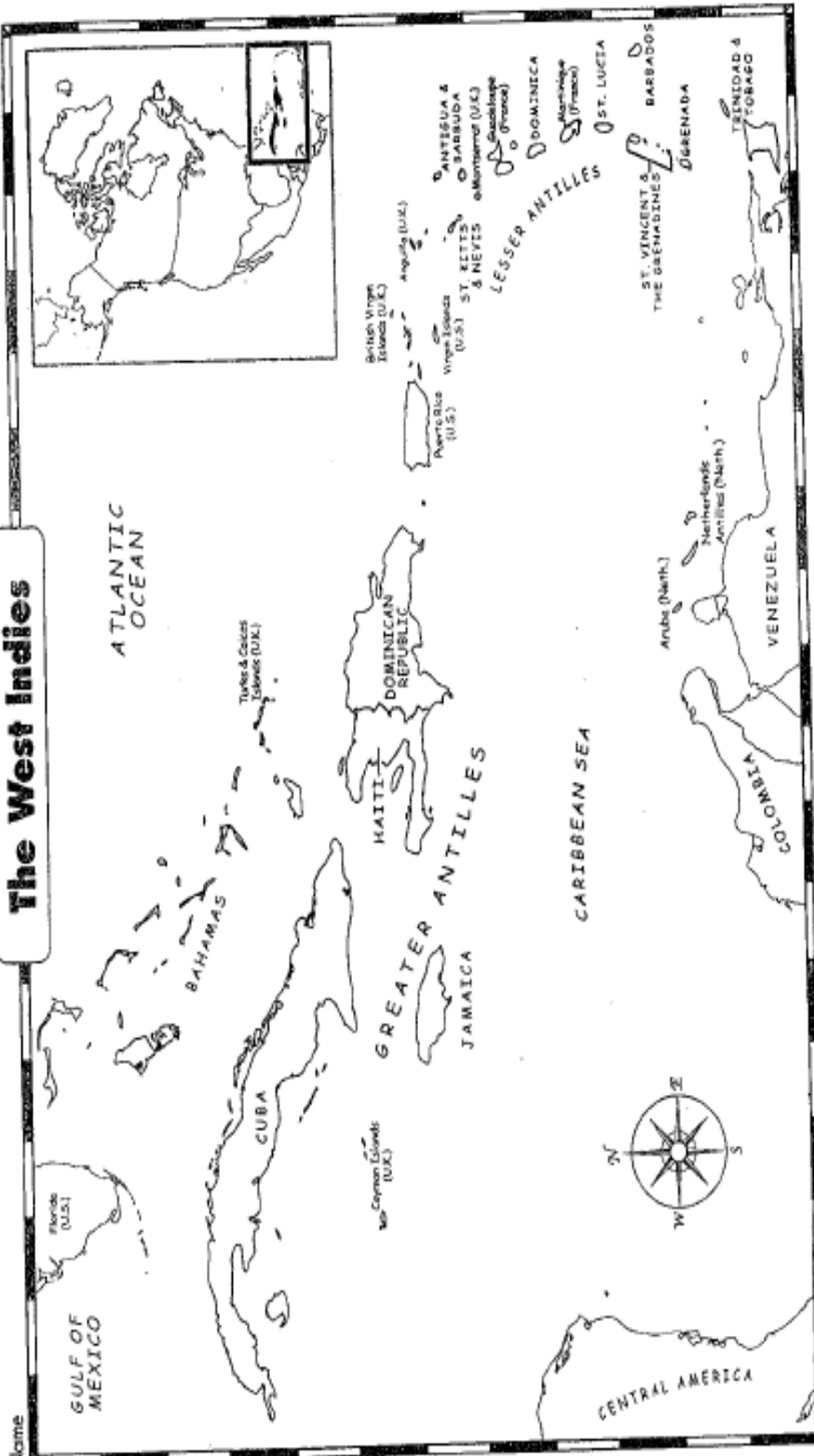


The West Indies



The West Indies is made up of three main groups of islands—the Bahamas in the north, the Greater Antilles in the center, and the Lesser Antilles in the southeast. Thirteen countries and eleven dependencies are part of this region.