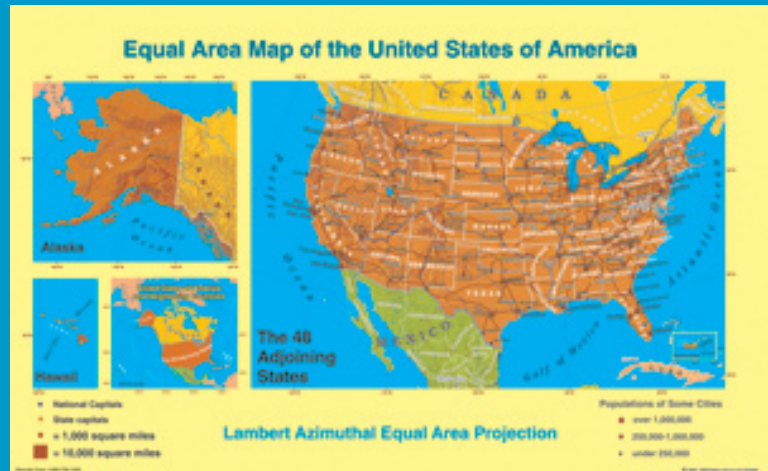


WHY A NEW USA MAP?

Many Alaskan middle school students believe their home state is an island located in the South Pacific. Why, you might ask? Because that's how it appears on most maps! Texas is often described as the largest state in the USA. Why? Because that's how it appears on most maps! Can a map of the United States be complete if Puerto Rico is not represented? Would you be surprised to discover that Puerto Rico is omitted from most USA maps?

A unique, new equal-area map aims to change these, and many other, outdated views. The Equal Area USA Map, by ODTmaps.com, correctly informs, often for the very first time, geographic perceptions! This unique desktop student map has been created to provide an accurate view of the USA, with each state shown in its correct size, proportion and – as much as possible – location. Equal-area maps, such as this one, are the only maps that show each area at true size and proportion. Equal area world maps, such as the Peters and Hobo-Dyer, are only recently making inroads into schools. The Equal Area USA Map provides teachers the means to bring important, yet often ignored, viewpoints to geography discussions and education.



Interstate highways, and other national highways in Canada and Mexico, are included on the map, because these roads are the arteries of our economy today, just as rivers and other waterways were the economic arteries of two hundred years ago. The Equal-Area USA map also includes the notation of capitals as well as large cities (based on Selected Metropolitan Areas), so students can get an idea of where most of the population is concentrated. Additionally, a regional inset map allows students to see positions and context within the Western Hemisphere.

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This map is a valuable educational tool. It's printed in color on one side, with a black & white outline map on the reverse side that's intended for student practice/drill. As an additional bonus, the black and white side is copyright-free and available to copy directly, or be freely downloaded off the ODTmaps.com web-site. The reverse side also features a series of questions (increasing in complexity) to pique students' interest and encourage learning. The Equal Area USA Map provides teachers the means to bring important, yet often ignored, viewpoints to geography discussions and education.

Thought-provoking questions on the map are geared to grades 3-6 and formulated to exceed most state geography standards. Other questions, geared to grades 6-9, and 10-12 are on the map and also available, copyright-free, on ODTmaps.com. Web support will include lesson plans and additional commentary to challenge all levels...students to adults!

Map size is 22" wide and 13.5" high. Laminated version retails for \$12.95.

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