

# Lesson

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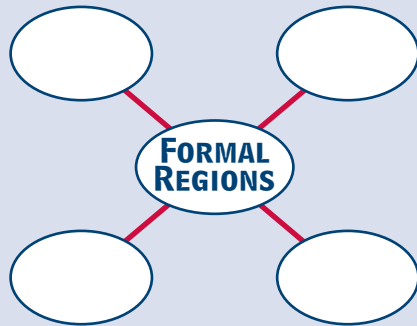
# Formal Regions

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

To give examples of formal regions

## READING STRATEGY

Create a diagram like the one below. In the outer ovals, write examples of formal regions.



## TERMS TO KNOW

formal region

Have you ever walked or driven through a part of a town where most of the people were from Italy, or Greece, or some other country? Perhaps you have been on a trip that took you through mile after mile of desert. Or perhaps you have been to a place where wheat or corn grew in all directions as far as you could see. If you have been to any such place, you know what a **formal region** is. A formal region is an area that has one feature that sets it apart.

A formal region can be based on almost any feature. For example, the Cotton Belt is a part of the United States where cotton is the main crop. The Sun Belt is the part of the United States where temperatures are warm most of the year. Miami's "Little Havana" is where many people of Cuban descent live.

## Using Your Skills

### A PRACTICING MAP SKILLS

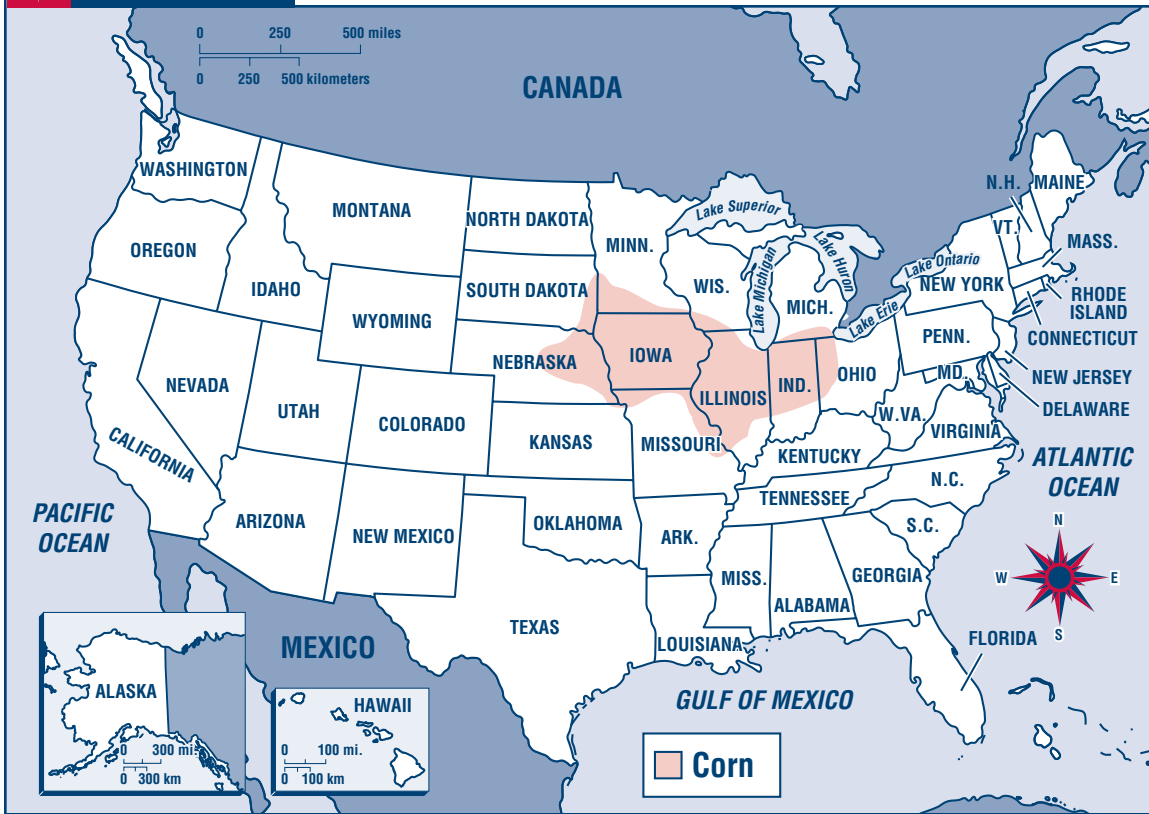
Use **Map 2-9** and **Map 2-10** to answer these questions.

1. What formal region is shown on **Map 2-9**?  
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2. What would you expect to see growing on most farms in Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What formal region is shown on **Map 2-10**?  
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4. What would you expect to see growing on most farms in Kansas and North Dakota? \_\_\_\_\_
5. About how many miles does the Corn Belt stretch from east to west? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the southernmost state in the Wheat Belt?  
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7. How far west does the Wheat Belt extend?  
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8. Which states are included in both the Corn Belt and the Wheat Belt?  
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### MAP 2-9

### The Corn Belt



### MAP 2-10

### The Wheat Belt



## B PRACTICING MAP SKILLS

Some countries depend on one product for most of the money they earn from exports. These countries can be grouped into formal regions according to the product upon which they depend. Below is a list of such countries in Africa. Choose a color or shading to represent each product. Then color or shade each country on **Map 2-11: One-Product Countries**. Complete the legend to identify the formal regions.

Oil		Diamonds		Coffee		Iron Ore	
Algeria	Libya	Botswana		Burundi		Liberia	
Angola	Nigeria	Guinea		Rwanda		Mauritania	
Congo	Tunisia	South Africa		Uganda		Morocco	
Gabon	Egypt	Democratic Republic of the Congo					

