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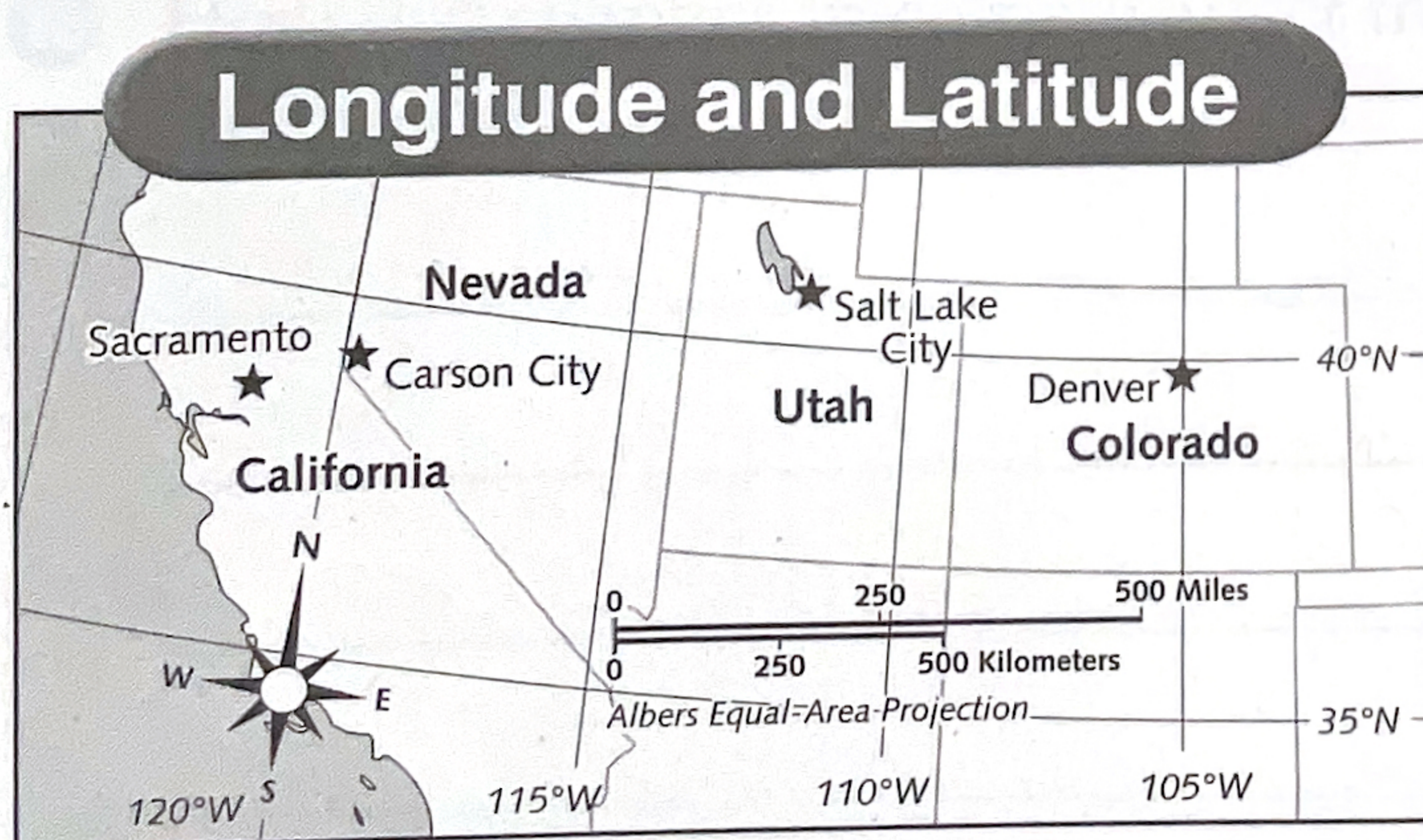


## MULTIPLE CHOICE

**DIRECTIONS** Select the letter of the best answer.

- 1 Which landform region stretches between the Appalachian Mountains and the Rocky Mountains?
- A the Coastal Plain  
B the Interior Plains  
C the Intermountain Region  
D the Piedmont
- 2 Which area of the United States lies mainly in a desert climate region?
- A the northeastern part  
B the northwestern part  
C the southeastern part  
D the southwestern part

Use the map to answer question 3.



- 3 Which state capital is nearest to  $40^{\circ}\text{N}$ ,  $120^{\circ}\text{W}$ ?
- A Denver, Colorado  
B Carson City, Nevada  
C Sacramento, California  
D Salt Lake City, Utah

Use the boxed information to answer question 4.

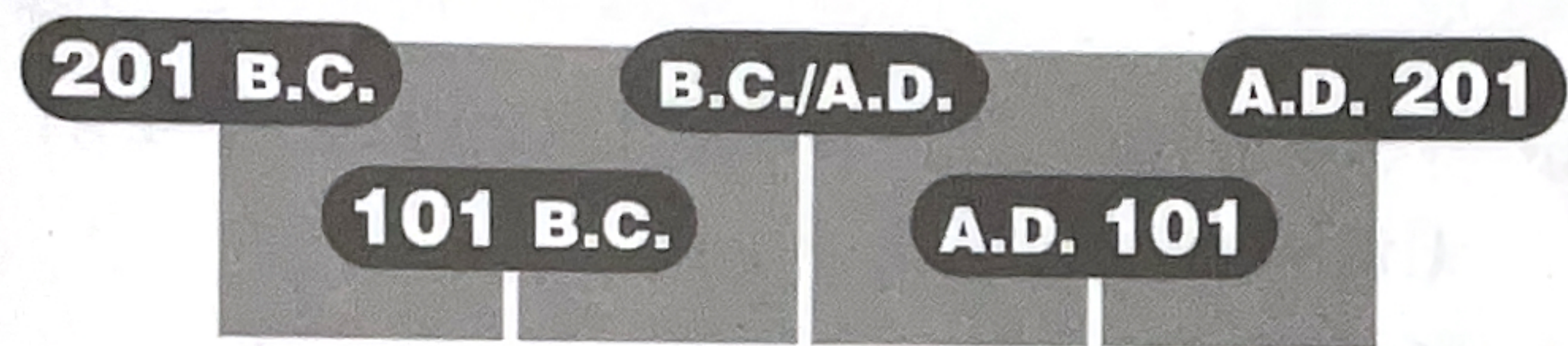
One theory says that over thousands of years, people slowly moved across a land bridge that connected Asia and North America during an Ice Age.

- 4 What does the word theory mean in the sentence above?
- A a scientist who studies past cultures  
B an idea based on study and research  
C a system for deciding what is best for a group of people  
D a group of people in a society who have something in common
- 5 What caused ancient peoples in the Americas to stop hunting large animals?
- A As the climate became warmer and drier, the large animals became extinct.  
B The people could not make weapons to kill the animals.  
C The climate was too cold for the large animals to survive.  
D The people gathered enough food to survive without hunting.

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- 6 What is the main reason that some ancient peoples in the Americas began to live in larger, more settled villages?
  - A They learned how to hunt with bows and arrows.
  - B They needed protection from warring peoples.
  - C They developed agriculture.
  - D They found dependable water sources.

Use the time line to answer question 7.



- 7 Which of these statements about the time line is true?
  - A It shows four centuries.
  - B It shows one millennium.
  - C It shows the fourth century A.D.
  - D It shows the fifth century B.C.
- 8 Which ancient American Indian group developed a strong trade system in what is now southern Mexico?
  - A the Adena
  - B the Ancient Puebloans
  - C the Olmec
  - D the Mound Builders

- 9 In the Mayan culture, which class was considered the most important?
  - A the traders
  - B the farmers
  - C the religious leaders
  - D the soldiers
- 10 Why did the Ancient Puebloans most likely use materials other than wood to build their homes?
  - A Few trees grew in the dry climate in which they lived.
  - B Wood was considered too sacred to use for building.
  - C They were nomads and needed to move their homes quickly.
  - D The Ice Age during which they lived was too cold for trees to grow.

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### FILL IN THE BLANK

**DIRECTIONS** Fill in the blank with the correct word or words from the box below.

- 11 A region's climate is one feature used to describe its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 Archaeologists often learn about ancient peoples by studying the remains of tools, pottery, and other \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 Most scientists agree that the earliest peoples in the Americas were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 The earliest \_\_\_\_\_ began when people began to live a more settled life.
- 15 Building and using mounds was a \_\_\_\_\_ that the Adena, the Hopewell, and the Mississippian peoples all had in common.

artifacts
civilizations
environment
nomads
tradition

### SHORT ANSWER

**DIRECTIONS** Answer each question in the space provided.

- 16 How did changes in climate affect the lives of the earliest peoples in the Americas?  
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- 17 Why can the Olmec, Mayan, Mound Builder, and Ancient Puebloan cultures be described as advanced civilizations?  
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**DIRECTIONS** Use the cultural map to answer the following questions.

18 How did the geography and climate of the Southwest cultural region most likely affect the American Indians who lived there?

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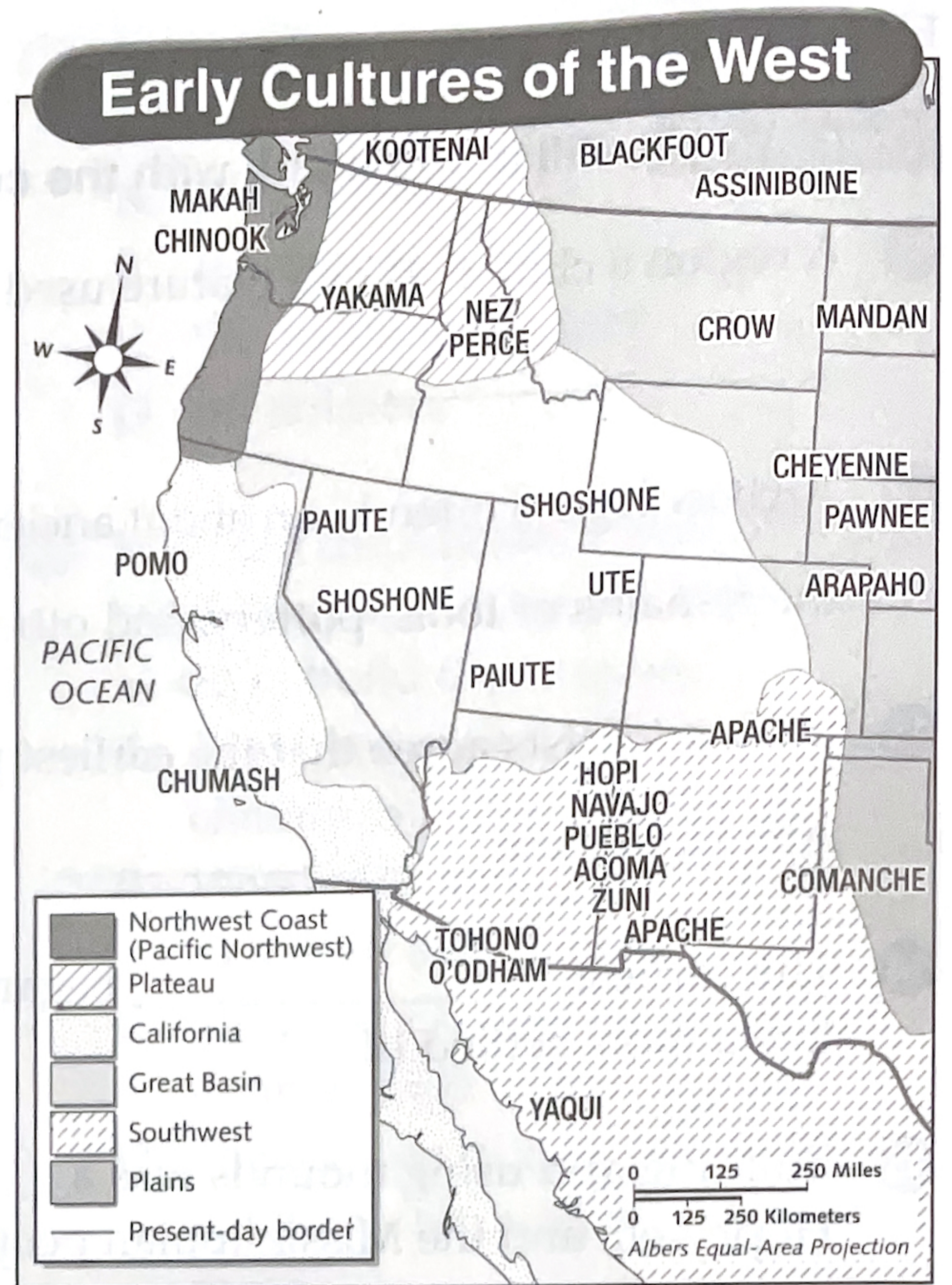
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19 Why did the Navajo most likely learn certain customs from the Hopi rather than the Nez Perce?

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20 What American Indian groups shown on the map lived in the Northwest Coast cultural area? How did living in that region most likely affect their lives?

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