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**Comparing and Contrasting**

**Geographical Regions of the United States**

**Directions:**

* **Choose two of the geographical regions of the United States.**
* **On loose-leaf, using details from the bulleted notes and from the text, write an essay comparing and contrasting two regions.**
* **Write at least four paragraphs and on at least two sheets of paper.**
* **Use the “Compare and Contrast Words” sheet to help you use important vocabulary.**
* **Use the rubric to guide your work. BE SURE TO HAND IN RUBRIC WITH YOUR ESSAY!!! YOU WILL LOSE FIVE POINTS IF YOU DO NOT HAND IN YOUR RUBRIC! The rubric can be found on Mrs. Looney’s website if you lost your original rubric. www.mrslooney.weebly.com**
* **Be sure to check the rubric to make sure that your essay is of the highest caliber.**
* **Be sure to have someone help you proofread your essay.**
	+ **Is all of your spelling correct?**
	+ **Did you capitalize proper nouns?**
	+ **Did you capitalize beginning of sentences?**
	+ **Did you put periods, question marks, or exclamation points at the end of your sentences?**
	+ **Did you indent each new paragraph?**
	+ **Did you use interesting word choice?**
	+ **Did you use transitional words from the “Compare and Contrast Words” sheet?**
	+ **See the rubric for more details of expectations.**

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**Bulleted Notes:**

**The Coastal Plain, page24**

* Geographical region of the United States
* Flat, low land
* Along the Atlantic Ocean
* The ocean is one of its boundaries
* Stretches along the east coast
* Begins along the coast of Massachusetts
* Extends to Florida and west into Texas and the country of Mexico

**The Interior Plains, page 26**

* Geographical region of the United States
* Flat, rolling tall-grass prairie
* Does not have a boundary that touches the ocean
* Stretch across the middle of the country
* Stretches from the Appalachians in the east to the Rocky Mountains in the west
* Many streams and rivers in the prairie
* The Great Plains are a part of the Interior Plains.
* The Great Plains stretch from southern Texas into Canada.
* There are few rivers in the Great Plains.
* The Great Plains are extremely flat with almost no trees.

**The Appalachians, page 25**

* Geographical region of the United States
* Eastern part of the United States
* Not flat
* The eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains is filled with wide valleys and hills called the Piedmont.
* The Appalachians run from southern Canada to central Alabama.
* The oldest mountains in the United States
* Made up of smaller mountain ranges
* Highest peaks are 7,000 feet

**The Rocky Mountains, page 27**

* Geographical Region of the United States
* Cover much of the western United States
* Our country’s largest and longest mountain range
* Stretch from Mexico through Canada and into Alaska
* made up of smaller mountain ranges
* much younger than the Appalachians