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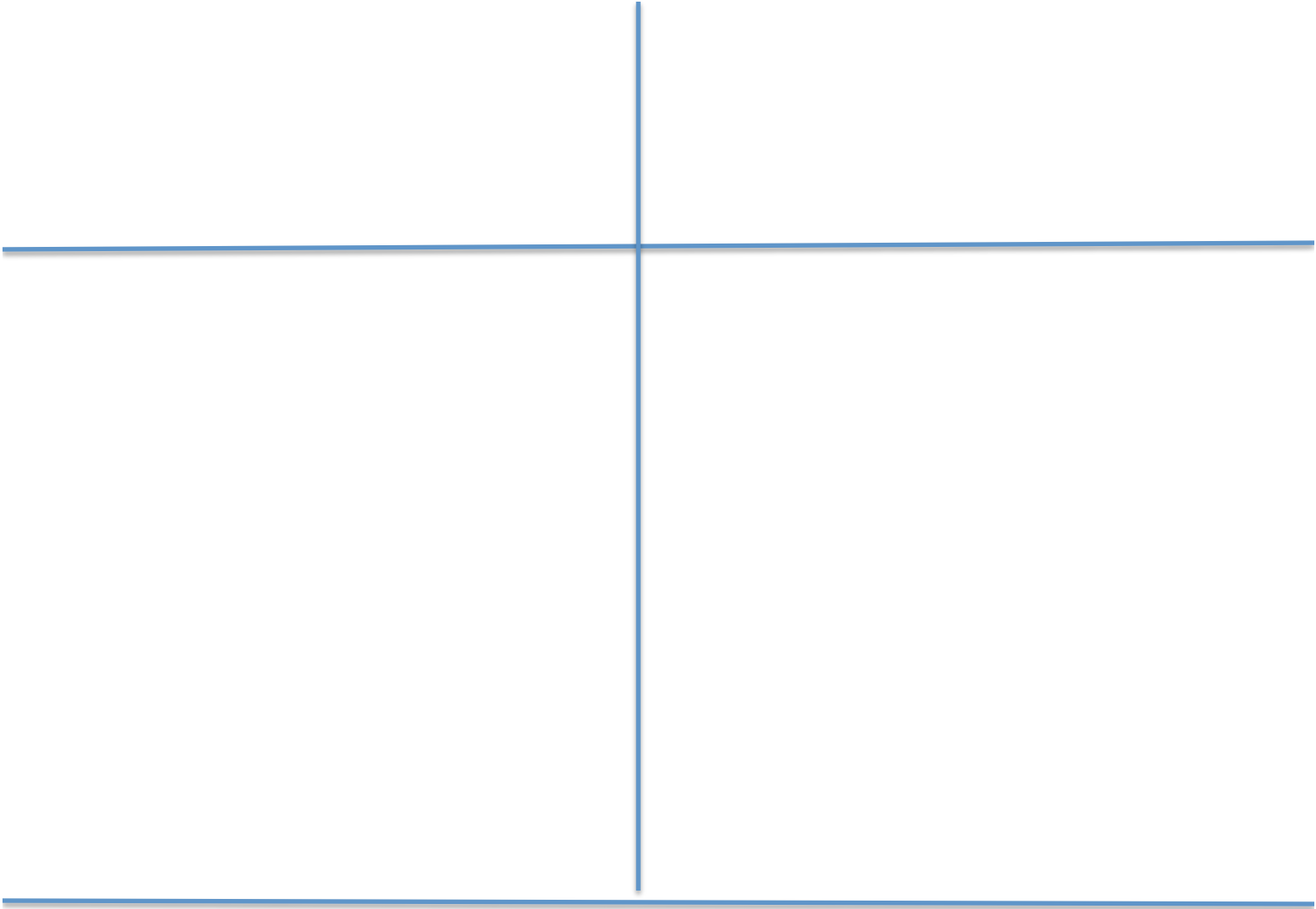
Comparing and Contrasting Geographical Regions of the United States

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, page 24

- 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