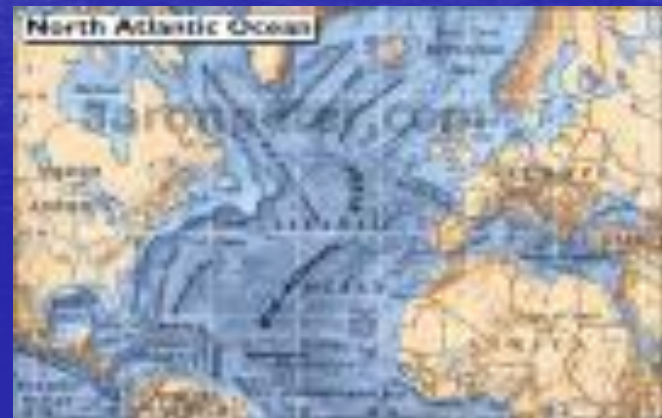


Water Features

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Oceans

- Atlantic and Pacific coasts provide access to other parts of the world
- Oceans made it easier for trade, transportation and settlement



Atlantic Ocean

- Served as a highway for early explorers, settlers and immigrants



The Gulf Stream and the North Atlantic Drift are the surface circulation of the Atlantic Ocean. The system originates north from the equatorial current system, flowing from the Caribbean Sea, at the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico, to the North Atlantic, where it splits into the Gulf Stream and the North Atlantic Drift.



Pacific Ocean

- An early exploration destination



Gulf of Mexico

- Provided the French and Spanish with exploration routes to Mexico and other parts of America



Great Lakes

- Inland port cities grew up in the Midwest along the Great Lakes



St. Lawrence River

- Forms part of the Northeast border with Canada
- Connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean



Ohio River

- Gateway to the West (it flows west) before the Louisiana Purchase
- “O, how I want to go West”



Mississippi and Missouri Rivers

- Used to transport farm and industrial products.
- Links to ports and other parts of the world



Colorado River

- Explored by the Spanish



Columbia River

- Explored by Lewis and Clark



Rio Grande River

- Forms the border with Texas and Mexico



Map with all Waterways

