

partly rolling and partly flat. West of the Mississippi most of the country is prairie land.

The Mississippi river, the Missouri, and the Ohio flow through the Central States, making a navigable water course of great value. The Great Lakes border these States, and Minnesota has many small lakes.

At the extreme north the summer is rather short, but hot; the winter long and cold. At the

south the summer is much longer, and the winter is mild.

EXERCISE. — (Open books to map of Central States.) Which States are shown here? Which great lakes? Which great lake is wholly in the Central States? In what State is most of Lake Michigan? What other States border on it? What States border on Lake Superior? Huron? Erie? Mississippi River? Ohio River? What river do you see on the western boundary of Minnesota? Where (map of North America) does this stream reach the sea? A lake feeding the Minnesota almost touches one feeding the Red River; where do its waters reach the sea? Find Minnesota River; Illinois; Cumberland; Des Moines. Bound each State (map of the United States for Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas). Bound Oklahoma; Indian Territory. Find their capitals. (See map of United States for Oklahoma and Indian Territory.)



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