



# Gulf of Mexico Watershed Mapping Activity

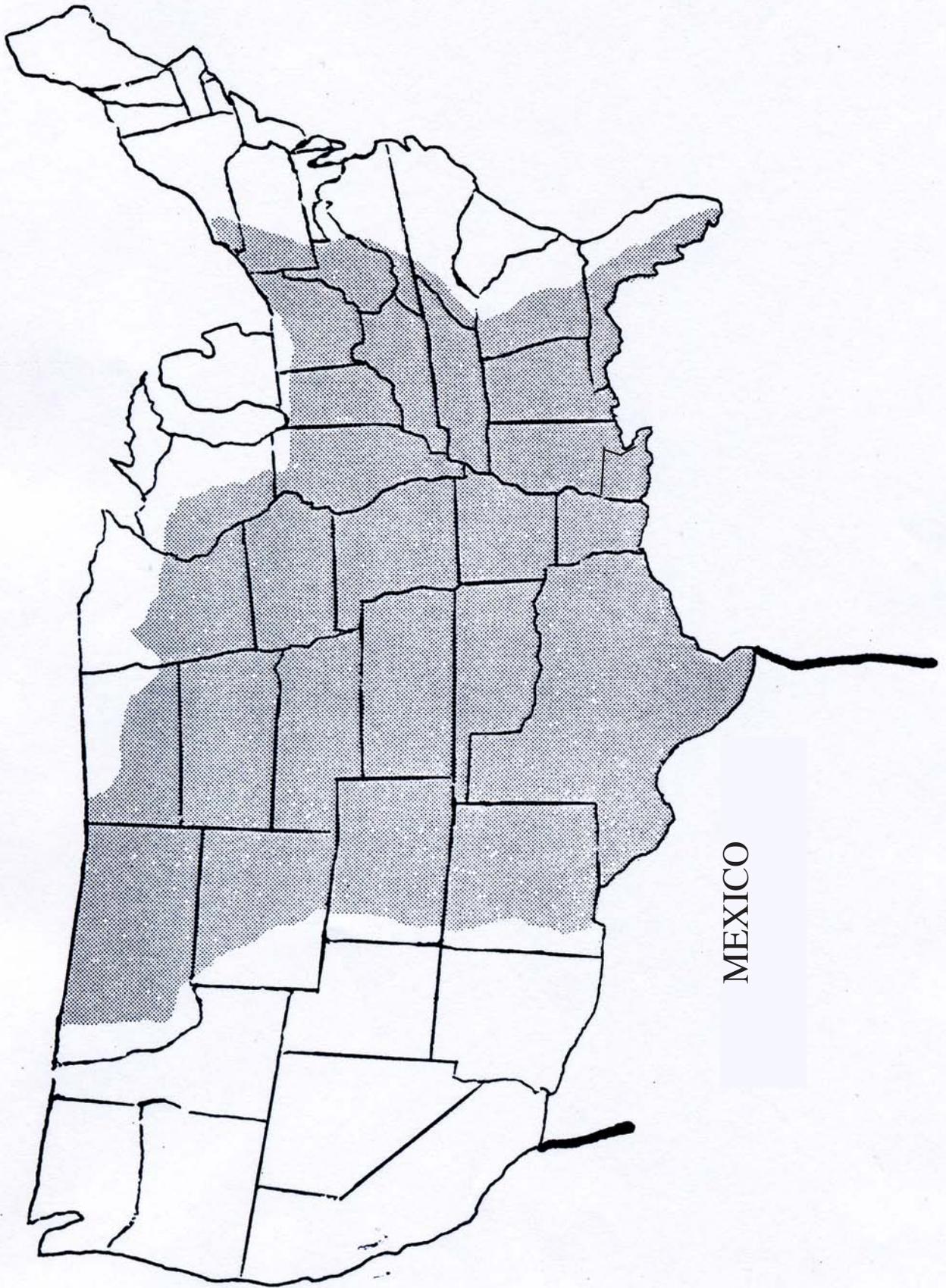


This map shows the parts of the United States that drain into the Gulf of Mexico. Thirty-one states (approximately 2/3 of the U.S.) contribute to the watershed, which is shaded in gray.

Using the map:

1. Label the 31 states that contribute to the Gulf of Mexico watershed. Use the two-letter abbreviation for each state.
2. Identify the states in which only PART of the state contributes to the watershed.
  - a) Color the part of these states inside the watershed green.
  - b) How many of these states did you find?
3. Identify the states in which ALL of the state drains into the Gulf of Mexico.
  - a) Color these states red.
  - b) How many of these states did you find?
4. Place a star at the approximate location of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.
5. Place a star at the approximate location of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

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1. Label the 31 states that contribute to the Gulf of Mexico watershed. Use the two-letter abbreviation for each state. **See attached key map.**

2. Identify the states in which only PART of the state contributes to the watershed.

**Colorado (CO)**

**Florida (FL)**

**Georgia (GA)**

**Illinois (IL)** most drains to Gulf of Mexico, tiny part flows to the Great Lakes

**Indiana (IN)**

**Maryland (MD)** a very small part

**Minnesota (MN)**

**Montana (MT)**

**New Mexico (NM)**

**New York (NY)**

**North Carolina (NC)**

**North Dakota (ND)**

**Ohio (OH)**

**Pennsylvania (PA)**

**Virginia (VA)**

**West Virginia (WV)** most drains to Gulf of Mexico, tiny part flows to Atlantic Ocean

**Wisconsin (WI)**

**Wyoming (WY)**

a) Color the part of these states inside the watershed green.

**Labeled in green on key map.**

b) How many of these states did you find? **18**

3. Identify the states in which ALL of the state drains into the Gulf of Mexico.

**Alabama (AL)**

**Arkansas (AR)**

**Iowa (IA)**

**Kansas (KS)**

**Kentucky (KY)**

**Louisiana (LA)**

**Mississippi (MS)**

**Missouri (MO)**

**Nebraska (NB)**

**Oklahoma (OK)**

**South Dakota (SD)**

**Tennessee (TN)**

**Texas (TX)**

a) Color these states red. **Labeled in red on key map.**

b) How many of these states did you find? **13**

4. Place a star at the approximate location of the Flower Garden Banks NMS.  
**Blue star by TX/LA on key map.**

5. Place a star at the approximate location of the Florida Keys NMS.  
**Blue star by FL on key map.**

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Answer Key**

