

Russia and the Republics: Physical

A. Use the maps located in the Unit Atlas on pages 336–339 and throughout Unit 5 to locate the physical features listed below. Label them on the accompanying outline map.

Bodies of Water

Arctic Ocean
Baltic Sea
Barents Sea
Bering Sea
Black Sea
Caspian Sea
East Siberian Sea
Pacific Ocean
Sea of Okhotsk

Major Landforms

Central Siberian Plateau
Kamchatka Peninsula
Kirghiz Steppe
Northern European Plain
Siberia
Turan Plain
West Siberian Plain

Mountains

Caucasus Mountains
Kolyma Mountains
Ural Mountains

Islands

Kuril Islands
New Siberian Islands
Sakhalin Island

Lakes

Aral Sea
Caspian Sea
Lake Baikal
Lake Balkhash

Rivers

Amu Darya
Amur
Dnieper
Irtys
Lena
Ob
Ural
Volga
Yenisey

B. After labeling your map, use it to answer the following questions.

1. Which great mountain chain separates the Northern European Plain from the West Siberian Plain and forms the dividing line between Europe and Asia?

2. Which volcanic islands lie between the Kamchatka Peninsula and Japan?

3. Which rivers drain into the Arctic Sea and which into the Caspian Sea?

4. Which two deserts found on the Turan Plain formed as a result of the rain shadow from nearby mountains?

5. Which deep freshwater lake is located in Central Siberia? Which two saltwater lakes are located south of the Ural Mountains?

