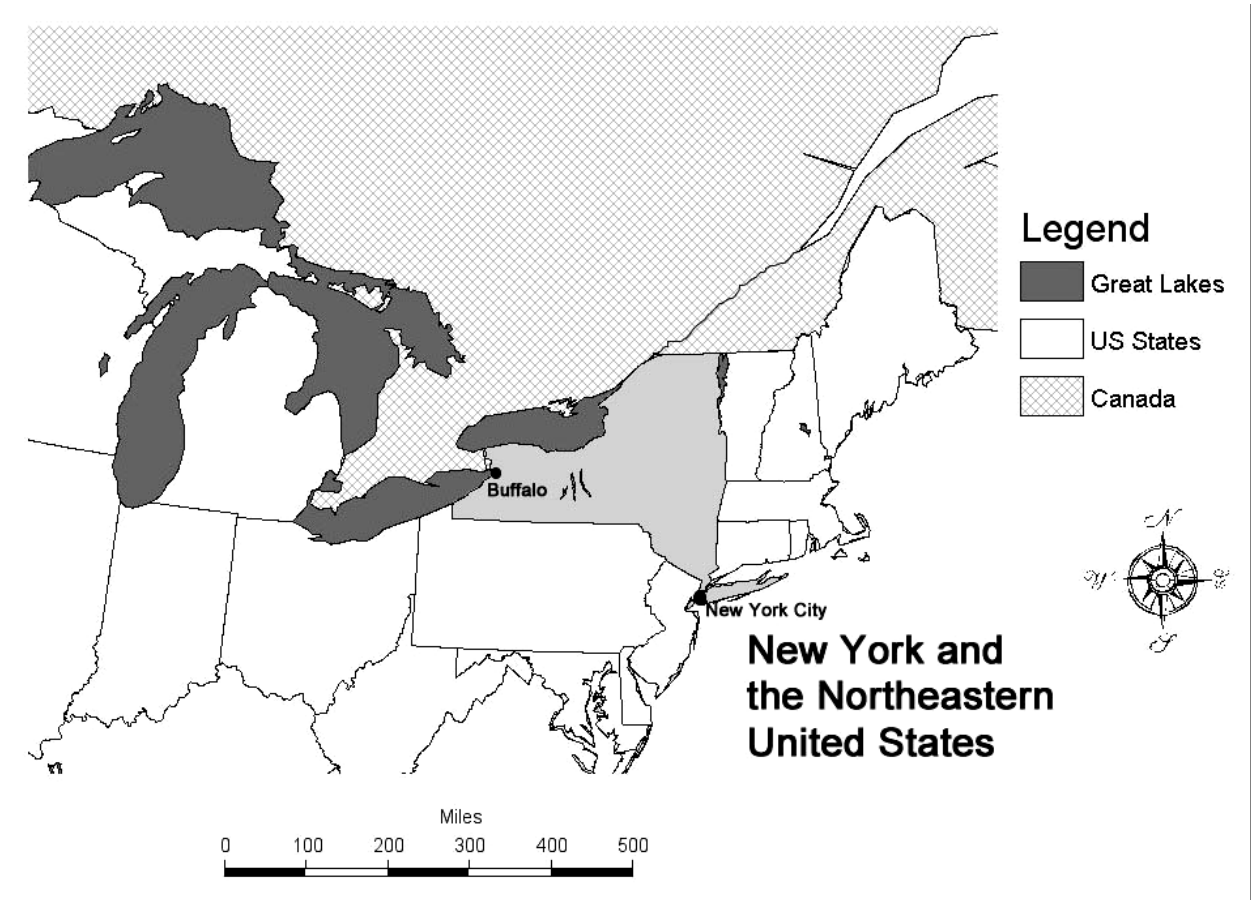


# New York's Location

(Geographically speaking, it *is* everything!)



In geography, it is very important to be able to describe your location. We can use coordinates like latitude and longitude, or we can tell where we are based on what we are near, or next to, or between.

1. Look at the map of the Northeastern United States above. New York is bordered by two large bodies of water. Next to New York City and Long Island, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. In western New York, the border is formed by two \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We can use compass directions when defining our location. For example, New York *City* is just east of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. Or we can say that much of the state is \_\_\_\_\_ of Pennsylvania.

3. There are also some location maps on page 3 of the *Atlas of New York and the Erie Canal*. Look first at the “New York in the World” map. Describe our position to a person from another country. Use directional words “next to”, “to the east of”, “in the \_\_\_\_\_ hemisphere,” etc.

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4. The bottom left map on page 3 is “United States 1820.” At this time the first Erie Canal was only partially completed. This map is different from a modern map of the country. List two features that are different:

Example: Florida was not yet part of the United States.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

5. The map on the bottom right (“New York and Its Neighbors, 2006”) shows not only states near New York, but also large cities.

What does the size of the city “dot” tell you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Use other maps in this atlas to determine the names of the largest cities on *this* map. Name *five*: \_\_\_\_\_

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What feature do these large cities tend to be found next to? \_\_\_\_\_

State one reason why you think this is so? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. The medium-size New York cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany are found running in a line from west to east. What important man-made waterway connects them all? \_\_\_\_\_