

**STUDY GUIDE**  
**CHAPTER 10 - THE SOUTHWEST REGION**

You will need to know the following concepts for the test.

\* There are 4 states that make up the Southwest Region  
– Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma.

\*Much of this area is very dry with very little rainfall.  
We call this type of area a desert.

\*There are 3 parts of government:

-judicial branch – courts and judges make sure laws are obeyed

-legislative branch – legislators work in the state capital to make laws

-executive branch – the governor or the president makes sure the laws are passed

\*Dams in this region are used to keep rivers from flooding and to help store water for different uses.

\*The Alamo can be found in San Antonio, Texas. Before Texas was a state, it was a part of Mexico. In the 1800s, Texans living in San Antonio fought at the Alamo. They were fighting to gain their freedom from Mexican rule.

\*Aqueducts are pipes or canals that move water from lakes and rivers to farms and cities in this very arid region.

\*Two other words that begin with the letter **A** that are very important in this region are:

Air conditioning – because of the hot climate

Automobiles – cars made it easier and safer to travel through this desert region

\*Oklahoma is known as the “Sooner State”.

This is because of the land rush to this area in the 1800s. Many people rushed in to acquire land, but some cheated and were there “sooner” than they were supposed to be.

\*The Carlsbad Caverns can be found in New Mexico.

This is a national part of 100 underground caves and caverns. Hundreds of thousands of bats call the Carlsbad Caverns home.

\*This region is very close to the border between the United States and Mexico. The Rio Grande River divides two busy cities – El Paso, Texas in the U. S. and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. There are many U. S. factories in the city of Juarez because Mexican workers will work for much lower pay than American workers. For this reason, many Mexicans move to border towns to work in these factories.

Match the state with its capital by writing the correct letter of capital next to the state.

Texas \_\_\_\_

A. Santa Fe

Oklahoma \_\_\_\_

B. Phoenix

New Mexico \_\_\_\_

C. Austin

Arizona \_\_\_\_

D. Oklahoma City

Use the word bank to correctly label each state on the map. Spelling and capitalization counts!

**Texas**

**Arizona**

**New Mexico**

**Oklahoma**

