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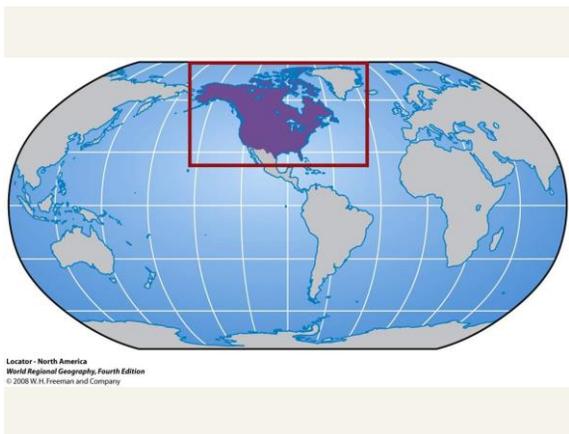
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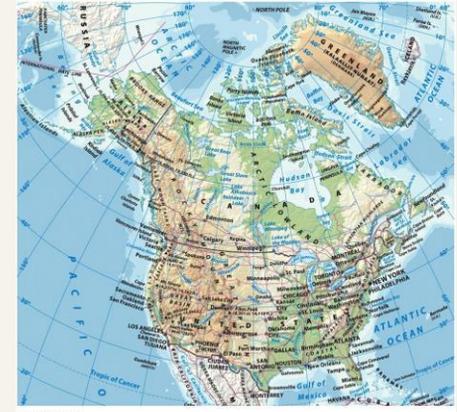


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### Regions of the Realm

- Maritime Northeast
- French Canada
- Core
- Continental Interior
- South
- Southwest
- Western Frontier
- Northern Frontier
- Pacific Hinge




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### Regionalism in Canada: Divisive Forces: *Canada's Spatial Structure*

- World's second-largest territory divided into only 13 subnational entities, known as provinces:
  - 4 Atlantic Provinces
  - 3 central Prairie Provinces
  - 3 Arctic North territories
  - 2 core Hudson Provinces
  - 1 Pacific Ocean Province
- Population is clustered in a discontinuous ribbon along the coasts and border with the United States:
  - Settlement conditioned by the environment
  - Cross-border affinities with American cities

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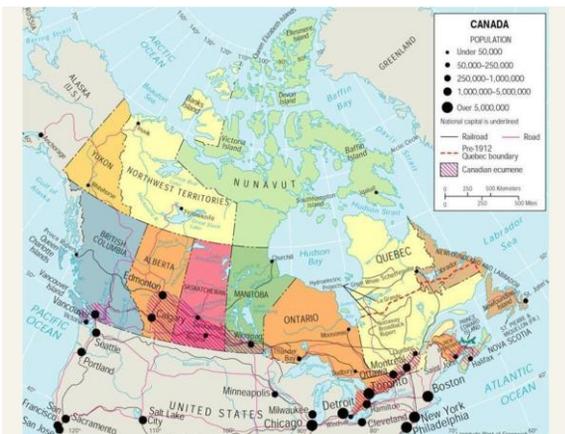
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## Regionalism in Canada: Divisive Forces: Cultural Contrasts

- Divided by culture and tradition  
English vs. French
- Quebec nationalism:
  - Center of Francophone Canada
  - Tests Canada's federal system
  - At times, demand for outright separation
  - In decline, due to laws enacted to reassure primacy of Québécois culture




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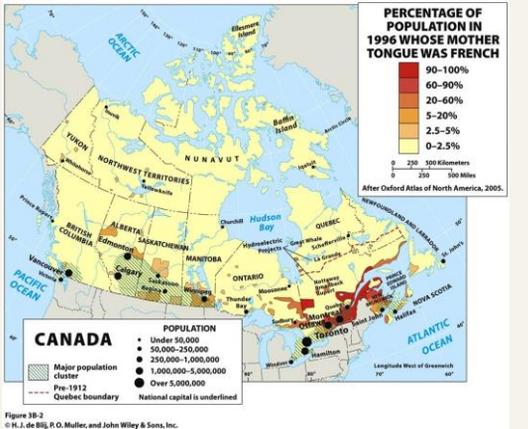


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## Regionalism in Canada: Divisive Forces: The Ascendancy of Indigenous Peoples

- Rising consciousness among indigenous groups:
  - **First Nations**
  - Métis and Inuit groups
- Indigenous concerns:
  - Land claim agreement between Inuit people and federal government led to the newest Territory of Nunavut.
  - Federal government must help protect aboriginal rights and claims against the provincial governments.
  - Recognition of land rights allows these groups to share in economic activity and income generated by resources within each province's territory.

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## The North America Core

- Growth of the core:
  - The CBDs of thriving manufacturing cities grew upward, while urban peripheries grew outward.
  - In time, nearby cities coalesced into an expansive metropolitan area known as a **megalopolis**:
    - In Canada, the urban axis from Windsor to Quebec is known as *Main Street*.
    - In the United States, the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Washington, D.C., is called Megalopolis or Bosnywash.
- Core is center of globalization
- Rise of the information economy as the **American Manufacturing Belt** goes into decline

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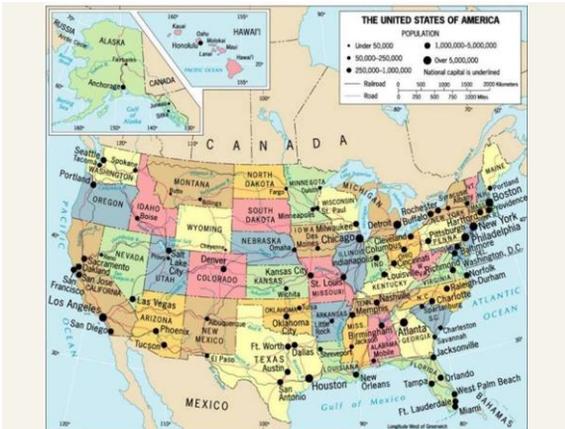
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## Among the Realm's Great Cities: Chicago

- ❑ Crossroads centrality
  - ❑ Lake Michigan connected to Mississippi River via the Chicago River (now a canal)
  - ❑ Hub of air and rail transportation network
- ❑ Leading manufacturing and industrial technology center
  - ❑ Engendered growth as a commercial center
- ❑ Post-industrial transition
  - ❑ Grappling with competition from outer city of "Chicagoland"
  - ❑ Reinvention as a service-center and urban playground




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## The Maritime Northeast

- ❑ North of the Core
- ❑ Relaxed economic development
  - ❑ Maritime orientation and rural character
  - ❑ Difficult environments and limited resources
  - ❑ Primary industries endure alongside growing recreation and tourism



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# The Southeast

- ❑ Uneven geography of development:
  - ❑ Sunbelt migration boom hit some cities and agricultural areas, misses others
  - ❑ Wide income gap
- ❑ Environmental disasters:
  - ❑ Hurricanes
  - ❑ Gulf oil spill
- ❑ Internationalization of South Florida:
  - ❑ Air conditioning, air travel, and Cubans
  - ❑ Miami as a world city connecting Northern and Southern hemispheres



**Concept Caching:**  
Two Years After Katrina,  
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## The Southwest

- Regional identity: aridity and ethnic diversity
- Diverse economies and challenges:
  - Growing **technopoles**, or high-technology industrial complexes, and transnational trading via NAFTA
  - Concerns over water supplies and limiting dependency on fossil fuel energy
- Border region:
  - Substantial Mexican populations, legal and illegal
  - Dangers of **racial profiling** with state laws aiming to deal with illegal immigration (e.g., Arizona)

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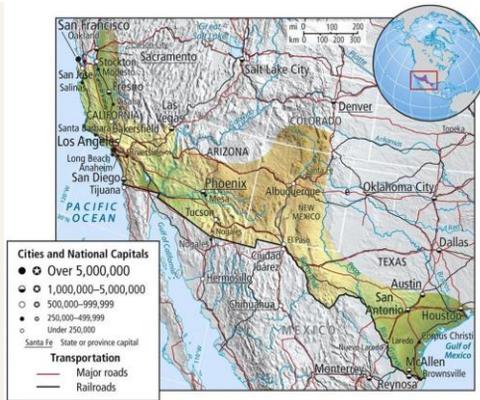


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# The Pacific Hinge

- Entire west coast
- Functional region:
  - Pacific Rim is a discontinuous region along the Pacific experiencing rapid growth and progress.
  - Pacific Hinge represents the interface between the North America realm and Pacific Rim.



Concept Caching:  
Seattle, Washington

□ Economic dynamism, high-technology, and industry

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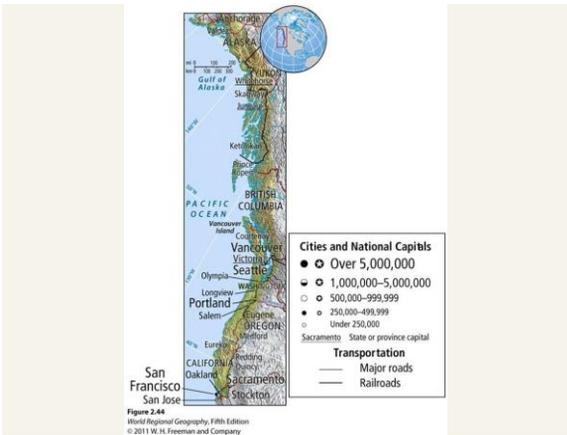
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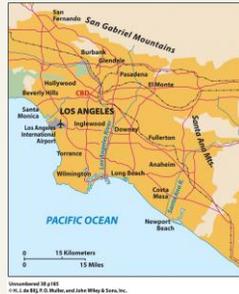
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## Among the Realm's Great Cities: Los Angeles

- Immense urban landscape:
  - Product of the automobile age and freeway network
  - Sprawling and multinodal
- North American metropolis
  - Second largest agglomeration in the realm
  - Anchor of CA megalopolis
  - Leader of Pacific Hinge and eastern Pacific Rim




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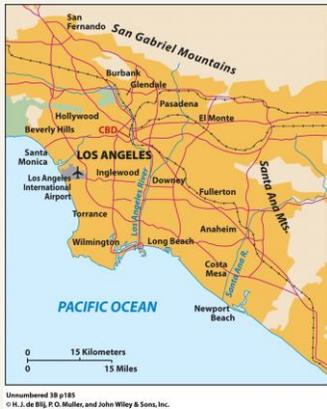
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## The Western Frontier

- Region's environment: remote, dry, and sparsely populated
- Fastest-growing region
  - Pull factors: sunny climates, open spaces, lower cost of living, and growing job opportunities
  - Slowed with 2008 economic crisis
- Ultimate frontier city: Las Vegas
  - More than gambling and amusement
  - Other attractions: jobs; low-cost; and sunny weather




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