LESSON 6.6

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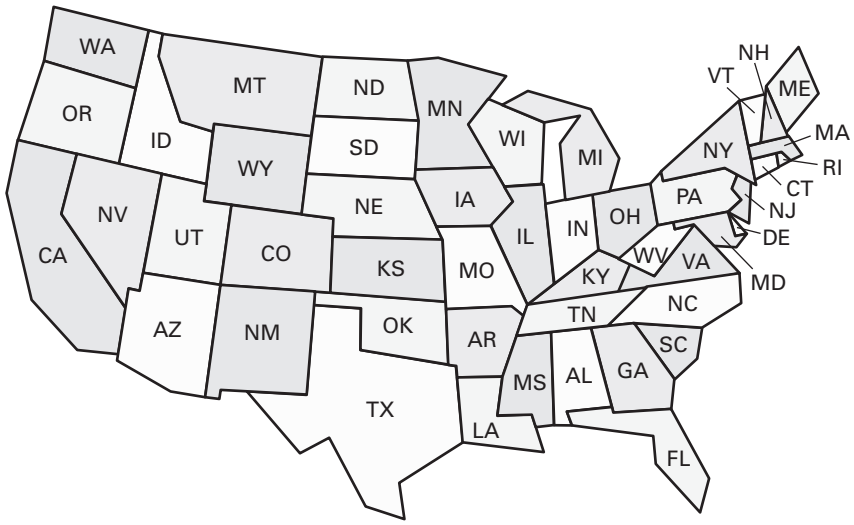
Real-Life Application: When Will I Ever Use This?

For use with pages 364–370

United States of America

After the Revolutionary War, the United States government had to decide how to organize the settlement of the land they acquired from England. Known as the Northwest Territory, this land was north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River. In 1787 Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance, which established the standard by which much westward expansion took place. The ordinance described a plan by which territories could become states. When the population of a territory reached 60,000 and a state constitution was written and approved by Congress, statehood could be obtained.

The original Northwest Territory became the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, but a total of thirty-one states originated under the provisions of the Northwest Ordinance over several decades. Expansion was virtually continuous until 1912 when the last contiguous state, Arizona, was added. The last two of the current fifty states, Alaska and Hawaii, were not added until 1959.



In Exercises 1–6, use the figure above. Which states (if any) appear to have the given shape?

1. Parallelogram

2. Rhombus

3. Rectangle

4. Square

5. Trapezoid

6. Kite

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