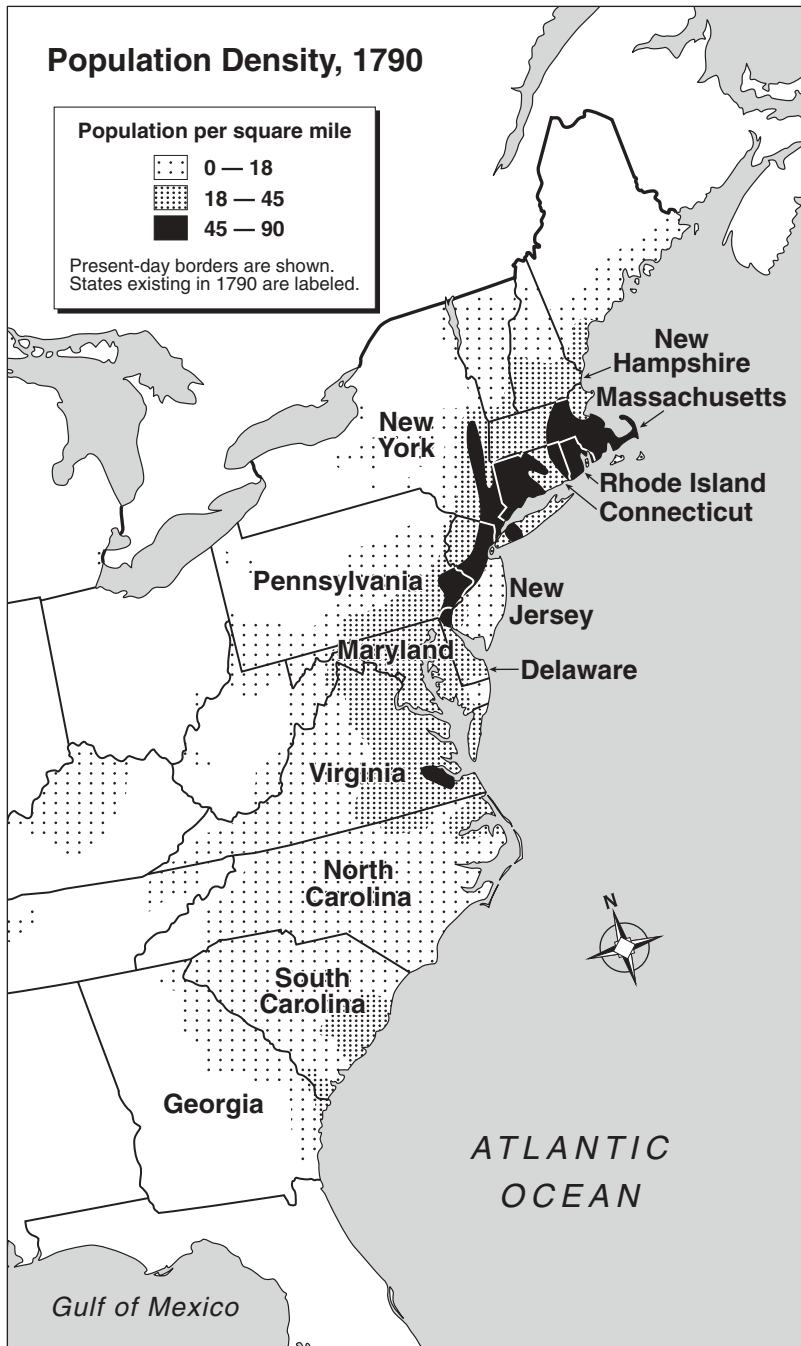


Skills for LIFE

Analyzing Maps

Similar information can be presented on maps in different ways. The cartogram on page 266 of your textbook shows the relative sizes of State populations in 1787. Other maps can provide different kinds of information about population. For example, you might want to know where in each State most of the people lived, that is, where the population was most densely populated. The map on this page shows population density in the 13 original States in 1790. Study the map, then compare it with the cartogram on page 266. Then answer the questions that follow.



1. What information does this map provide? How is that information different from the information in the cartogram?
2. Did most people live near the ocean or inland? Where would you expect to find cities? Where would you expect most farmland to be?
3. How does this map show which States would have the largest representation in the House of Representatives? Does the information on this map support the information on the cartogram?

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