

CHAPTER 1 / Making a Chart

Using information from the chapter, fill in the chart below with as much data as you can find.

	WESTERN REGION	CENTRAL REGION	EASTERN REGION
Primary Rivers	Blackfoot River Clarkfork River Jefferson River Beaverhead River	Milk River Musselshell River Missouri River	Yellowstone River Missouri River Milk River
Mountain Ranges	Mission Mountains Elk Horn Mountains Cabnet Mountains Tobacco Root Mountains	Little Rocky Mountain Big Paw Mountains Judith Mountains Big Snowy Mountains Little Belt Mountains	Big Sheep Mountains
Animals	Grizzly bear	Black Bear Moose Elk	Mule Deer Pronghorn Jackrabbits Weasles Pourcipine
Fish	Trout	Trout Sturgeon Bass	Trout Sturgeon Paddlefish
Trees and Bushes	Ash Trees Elm Trees Cedar Trees Larch Trees	Sagebrush Prickly Pear Cactus	Sage Yucca Shrubby Cinquefoil Prickly Pear Cactus Snakeweed Rabbitbrush.
Annual Average Precipitation	Rain and snow	Precipitation in Central Montana averages only 12 inches per year	Hailstorms Blizzards
Interesting Facts	The tallest pinetrees in Montana are a ponderosa pine that is 300 years old and is over 180 ft tall	The mountains can raise up to 50 degrees in several hours	Paddlefish can grow to about 100 pounds

Critical Thinking

Montana is a land of extremes. Describe some of the temperature and elevation differences. Why do you think there is such variation within the state?