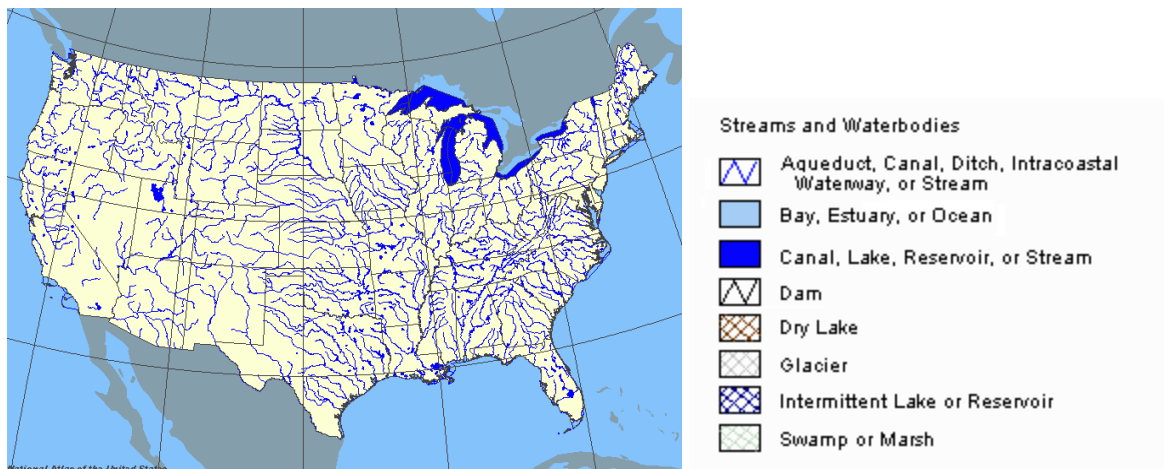


Unit 3 Lesson 1.1: Geographic issues



What's the issue? There are a lot of different ways to use the word "issue." Here, we will use [geographic issue](#) to describe changes we see in in our geography that may transform how we live. We usually use maps to look for these changes, so let's get started!



[Streams and Waterbodies in the lower 48 states](#)

Use your expert detective eye. What do you see? This map shows streams and bodies of water. Use the key to find places with high water content and low water content. Where would you like to live if you were a cactus farmer, and you didn't like a lot of rain? Where would you go if you farmed corn, and you needed a lot of rain?

You just made a decision based on a geographical issue! Now we are going to begin the next step of your learning. At the end of this unit, you will become an expert on geographic issues within a state you choose. Then, you will make a decision based on one geographic issue. Start by picking one of the states below:

Region	Midwest	Northeast	Southeast	Southwest	West
State	Minnesota	New York	Georgia	Arizona	Alaska

