

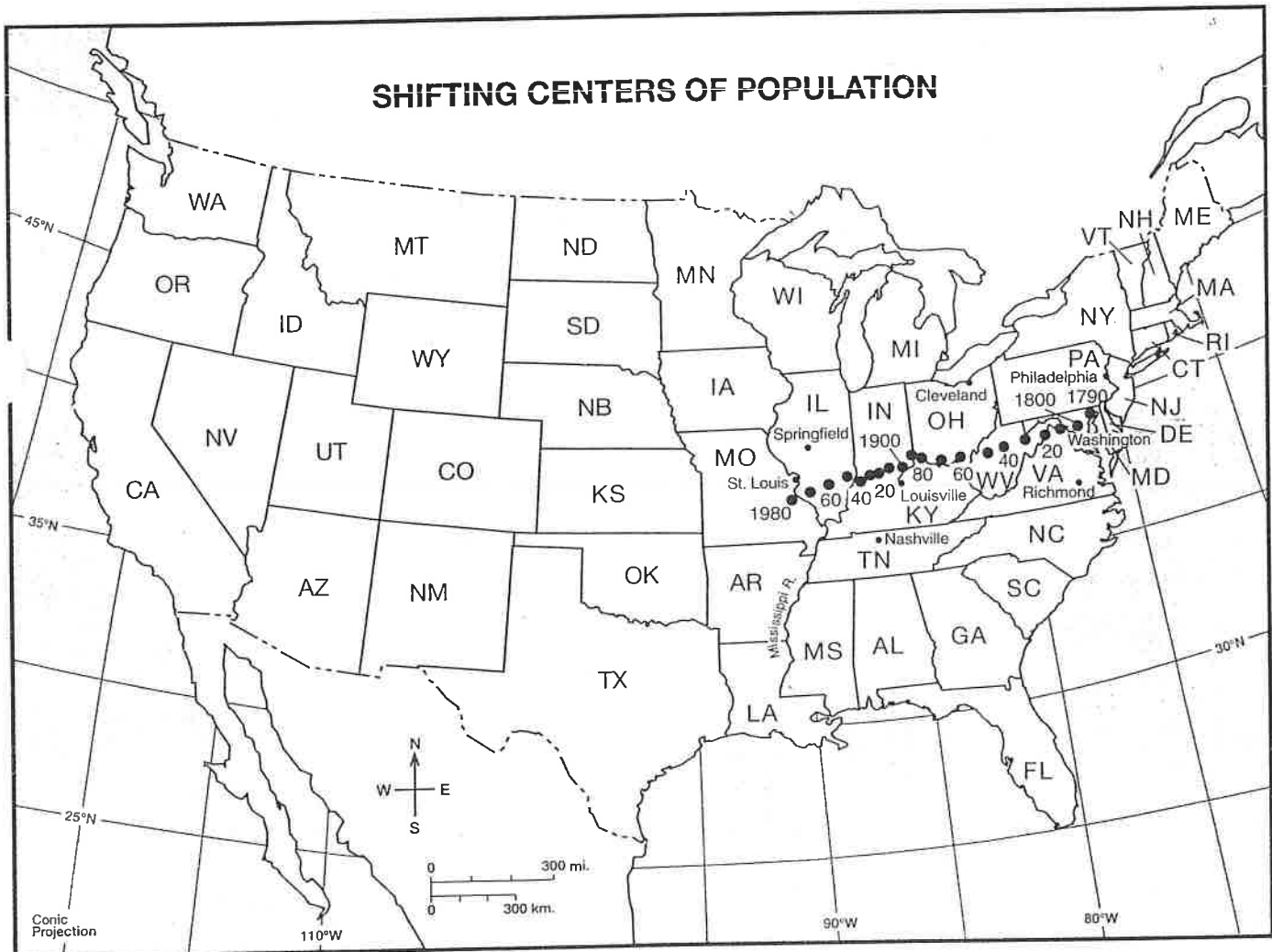
CHAPTER 31

Shifting Centers of Population

Geography Challenge

Geography Worksheet 62

Every ten years beginning in 1790, the United States has taken a census—a count of all the people in the country. Using information from the census, experts known as *demographers* can locate the “population center” of the country. The population center has exactly the same number of Americans living north, south, east, and west of it. This map shows how the population center of the United States shifted between 1790 and 1980. Study the map and answer the questions that follow.

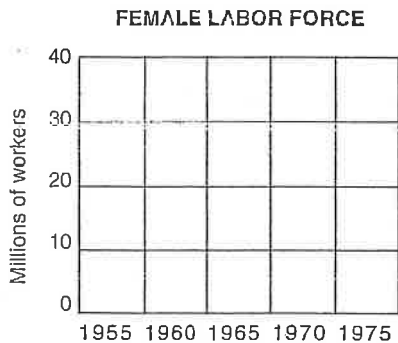


1. What is the earliest date shown on the map? _____
2. Circle the statement that is correct for 1790. (A) More than half the people in the country lived west of the Mississippi River. (B) More than half the people in the country lived south of Virginia. (C) About half the people in the country lived east of Maryland.
3. In what present-day state was the population center located in 1840? _____
4. To what city was the population center closest in 1800? _____

5. In what state did the population center remain longest? _____
6. Which year's census showed that the population center had crossed the Mississippi River? _____
7. In what directions does the map show the population center to be moving? _____
8. Use a ruler and the map's scale bar to determine approximately how far the population center moved between 1790 and 1980. _____

The following figures show facts about women in the labor force. Use the figures to prepare two bar graphs. Then answer the questions that follow.

	Total Female Labor Force (rounded to nearest million)	Female Labor Force as a Percentage of Female Population (rounded to nearest whole number)
1955	20,000,000	34
1960	23,000,000	35
1965	26,000,000	37
1970	31,000,000	43
1975	37,000,000	46



1. How many more women were in the labor force in 1975 than in 1955? What percentage of women were in the labor force in 1975? _____
2. During what five-year period did the largest number of women enter the labor force?

3. Do you think the number of women entering the labor force has increased since 1975?
Explain. _____