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**Subject / Course:** ELA, Social Studies

Date:

**Unit Title:** Mississippi Football Regions

Grade:

**Duration:** 20–30 Minutes

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## Mississippi Social Studies Framework:

### 4th Grade Mississippi Studies

#### ECONOMICS

3. Describe and illustrate geographic aspects of a region using fundamental geographic vocabulary.
  - a. Use social studies tools (e.g., timelines, maps, globes, compasses, graphs, grids, and technological resources, etc.) to describe the connections among the people, places, and environment of Mississippi and the southeastern region. **(DOK 2)**
  - b. Compare and contrast the ten geographical regions of Mississippi in terms of soil, landforms, etc. **(DOK 2)**

#### CCRS:

##### ELA:

- RL.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RI.4.3** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
- RF.4.4a** Read grade level text with purpose and understanding.
- L.4.4a** Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

#### Summary of Unit:

Review of the 10 Geographical Regions of Mississippi

#### Lesson Objectives:

- Identify and locate on map 10 geographical regions of Mississippi
- Locate landmarks (Universities within those 10 regions) on map
- Learn about famous football players from MS and what school they attended and what region that school is located in

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## Lesson Structure:

- The teacher will show the students the *Mississippi, Believe It!*<sup>TM</sup> poster of famous football players to begin the lesson.
  - The teacher will introduce or review the 10 geographical regions in Mississippi by viewing a map of the regions and discussing their location.
  - In classroom discussion, the teacher will ask the students to give examples of famous football players that are from Mississippi.
  - The teacher will briefly discuss famous football players from Mississippi and what university they attended before playing in the National Football League.
  - The teacher will show the students a map of the universities.
  - The students will be guided into an activity where they are asked to match each university into one of the 10 geographical regions of Mississippi.
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## Guiding Questions:

1. What are the 10 geographical regions in Mississippi?
2. Provide an example of famous football players that you know.
3. Provide an example of universities or colleges located in Mississippi.
4. In what region are these universities or colleges located in Mississippi?

## Activities:

The students will work individually to complete this activity. The teacher will provide the “10 Regions of Mississippi” and “Mississippi Universities” handouts for the students (smartboard, whiteboard, handout, etc.). The student will complete handout to match the university to the region in which it is located.

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**Key Vocabulary:**

- University
- Region
- Map
- Geographical

**Resources & Materials**

- Whiteboard
- Charts/Maps
- Computer
- Smartboard
- Video/Audio
- Textbook Pages
- Workbook Pages
- Handout
- Manipulatives
- Other:

**Assessments:**

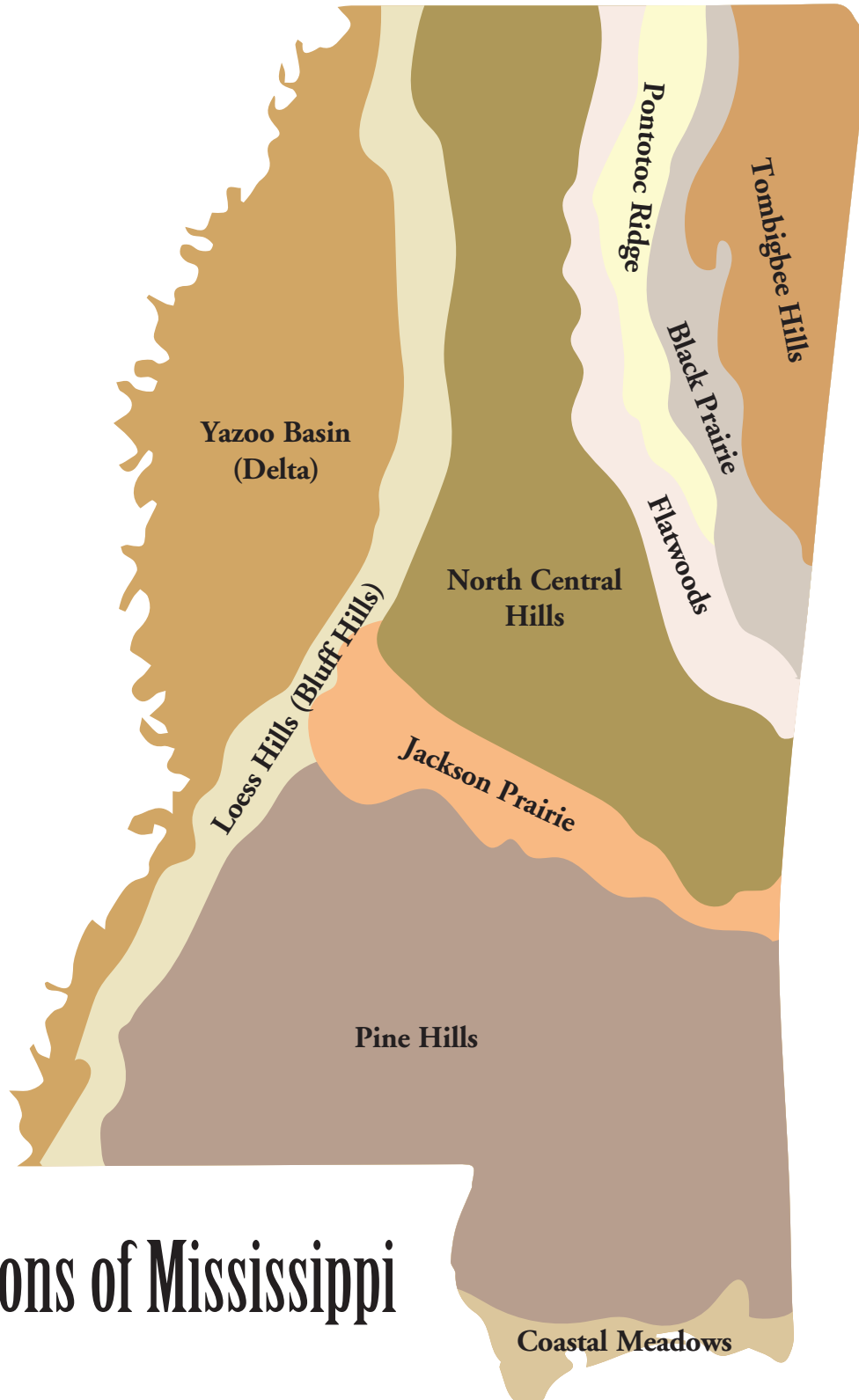
- Pre-Test
- Post-Test
- Observation
- Oral
- Writing Assessment
- Journal
- Homework
- Demonstration
- Other:

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## Mississippi Universities



## 10 Regions of Mississippi

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_,

Using both maps, draw a line to match each geographical region to the university that is located in that region. A region may be used more than once.

North Central Hills

University of Mississippi

Black Belt

Mississippi State University

Yazoo Delta

Delta State University

Jackson Prairie

Mississippi Valley State University

Loess Hills

Alcorn State University

Piney Woods

Jackson State University

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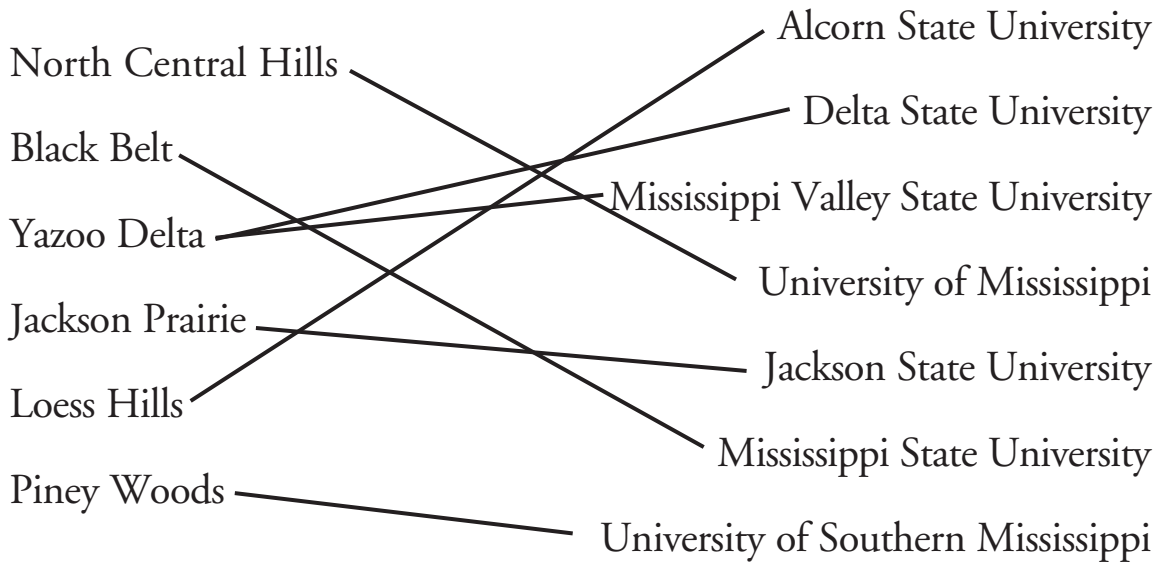
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## Answer Key

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## Additional Famous football players from Mississippi:



**Jackie Slater**  
*Jackson State University*



**Brett Favre**  
*University of Southern Mississippi*



**Dak Prescott**  
*Mississippi State University*

### Mississippi State University

Dak Prescott  
DD Lewis  
Fred Smoot  
Jonathan Banks  
Fletcher Cox

### Mississippi Valley State University

Jerry Rice

### University of Southern Mississippi

Brett Favre  
Ray Guy  
Jamie Collins

### University of Mississippi

Michael Oher  
Eli Manning  
Deuce McAlister  
Ben Jarvus Green Ellis  
Dexter McCluster  
Donte Moncreif  
Patrick Willis

### Delta State University

Anthony Maddox  
Aubrey Matthews  
Jack Gregory

### Jackson State University

Walter Payton  
Jackie Slater

### Alcorn University

Steve McNair  
Donald Driver