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USA – Belts

The belt regions of the U.S. are portions of the country that share certain characteristics. For example the region in the north of the U.S. frequently suffers from blizzards and heavy snowfalls and is also known as Frost Belt.

The term is now not only used to describe climatic regions (Frost Belt, Sun Belt, etc.), but now includes cultural concentrations (e.g. Black Belt in the South) and political concentrations (Bible Belt with ultra-Christian Republicans) as well.

But the term is most commonly used for regions with a similar economic structure (e.g. Cotton Belt in the South).



1. Mark the approximate locations of the following belt regions in the map:
- Wheat Belt
 - Rust Belt
 - Corn Belt
 - Manufacturing Belt
 - Dairy Belt
 - Sun Belt
 - Fruit Belt
 - California Fruit Belt

2. Match the following pictures to the belt regions given in question 1.



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3. Why did belts with similar economic structures develop? Give reasons for the development of agrarian as well as industrial regions.

4. The agrarian and industrial Belts have partly dissolved in the second half of the 20th century. Why?
