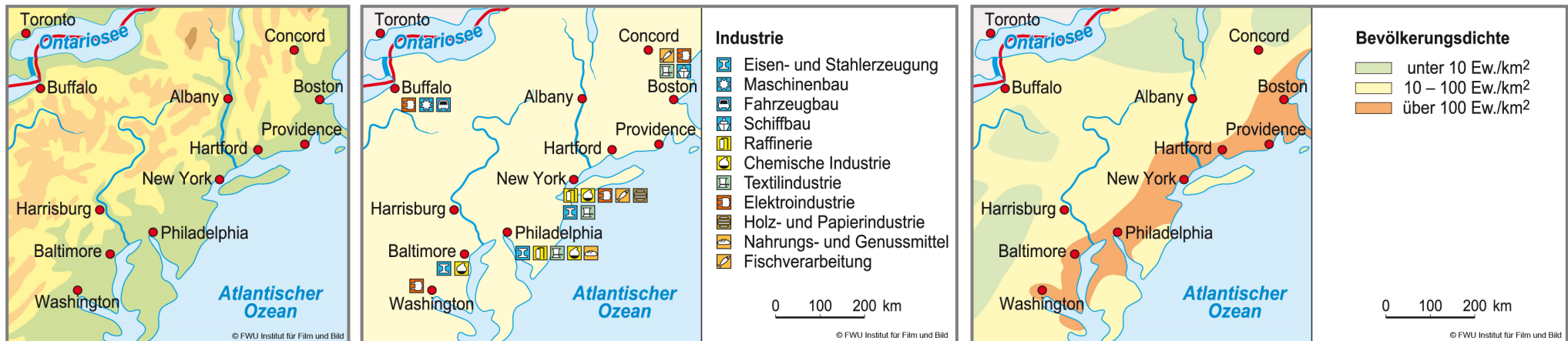


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USA – Atlantic Northeast – Solution



The Atlantic Coast was formed by marine and river sediments. The Northeast is not only the political and economic center of the USA but also the region with high population density. 22 percent of the population of the U.S. lives on only six percent of land. The area between Boston and Washington (“Boswash”) is said to be the densest populated area on Earth. Because of the number of megacities it is also known as “Megalopolis”. The Atlantic North East is part of the Manufacturing Belt, one of the Earth’s largest industrial regions.

1. Give reasons why the Atlantic North East developed into the core area of the U.S.

The North East was and is the most important port of call for immigrants from all over the world. They settled down, founded companies, etc. It is also the link for the trade with Europe (many ports).

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2. The Atlantic Northeast is dominated economically and culturally by New York City. Describe the factors that make the city into a major global city.

New York is the most important financial center (e.g. Stock Exchange and Wall Street). Many international companies have their headquarters or offices here. The port is the third largest in the U.S. and New York is a multi-cultural center, from which many new trends emerge.

3. The political center of the U.S. is Washington, D.C. Name the most important political / governmental institutions that shape the city.

Washington has the home of the president, the House of Representatives, the government with countless ministries and federal monuments like the Lincoln Memorial.

4. The North Atlantic Coast is a so called “estuary coast” (bell-shaped mouth of a river flowing into the open sea, see map above and atlas). What advantages are associated with it?

Good for ports, easy access to the hinterland via rivers (easy transport of goods).

5. New York is on the same latitude as Naples and gets equally hot in summer. But the annual average temperature are much lower than in Central Italy and in winter snow storms are not uncommon. It also rains a lot more. Briefly explain why.

New York is located on the Atlantic Ocean, the “weather factory” of the world. Cold air from the Arctic reaches the region without being blocked by mountains. Naples on the other hand is in the Mediterranean area. The Mediterranean region is protected from the cold air from the Arctic by mountains running from west to east (e.g. the Alps).