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Intramontane Basins – The Empty Interior



Great Salt Lake close to Salt Lake City



Colorado Plateau

High-altitude basins are enclosed by the Rocky Mountains to the East and the Pacific mountain system in the West. Large parts of the natural environment are composed of the Great Basin and the Colorado Plateau. The U.S. Department of State characterizes the space of intramontane basins as "The Empty Interior" because it has a very low average population density.

1. Describe and explain the climate and vegetation using the examples given in the film "USA: From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean" and summarize them at the end of the question.

a) Great Salt Lake: _____

b) Grand Canyon: _____

c) Death Valley: _____

Summary: _____

