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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:				

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2. The intramontane regions suffer from hostile natural circumstances, poor infrastructure and low population density. But in some areas the basins are nonetheless of great economic importance. Explain this in the following columns according to economic sector.			
Mining	Energy Industrie	Tourism	Gambling
3. A problem in the intrar Vegas since the 1930s		supply. Assess the develop	pment of the city of Las