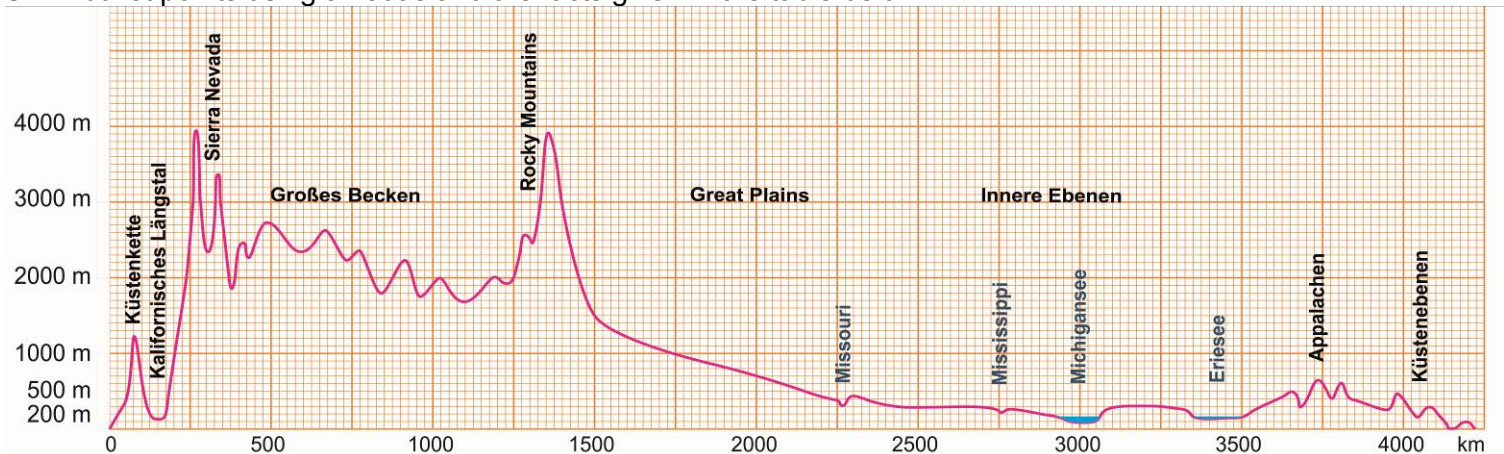


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USA – Creating a Synoptic Profile – Solution

⇒ Create a synoptic profile of the USA in bullet points using an atlas and the facts given in the table below.

A **synoptic profile** is the progression of the altitude profile. It contains additional information, listed in a table underneath the altitude profile. It can include geophysical (climate) or human-caused factors (focus on economy).



	Pacific Mountain System	Intramontane Basins	Rocky Mountains	Great Plains	Appalachians	Atlantic Coastal Plain
Climate / Vegetation	Winter rain area, desert in the south	Low precipitation, dry-vegetation, partly desert	Depending on altitude deciduous or mixed forest or plain rock	Decreasing precipitation further to the west and increasing prairie land	High precipitation, deciduous forest	Mild, oceanic climate
Population	Huge cities on the coast	Low population density	Some spots with high population density in big cities	Concentration of population around the Great Lakes, low population density in the Great Plains	Low population density, region of emigration	Concentration of population (Bost, DC, NYC)
Economic Structure	High-tec industry, movies, agribusiness	Power industry, tourism	Mining, tourism	Wheat Belt, Corn Belt, Rust Belt around Detroit, financial center Chicago	Dairy Belt, mining, Rust Belt	Manufacturing Belt, finance center