INTRODUCTION – The Autry Museum of the American West is about the different people, animals, plants, land, and water in the American West. Learn more about where the American West is located by using the map of the United States of America and by following the directions below it.

PART 1 – Who lives in the American West? Do you? Find some colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Then follow the directions below to see if you live in the American West.

1) Find the state you live in. Color it red.
2) Find the Pacific Ocean. Color it blue.
3) Find the Atlantic Ocean. Color it blue.
4) Find the Gulf of Mexico. Color it blue.
5) Find the Mississippi River. Color it blue.
6) The Autry Museum of the American West describes the American West as everything west (to the left) of the Mississippi River including Alaska and Hawai‘i. Find the states that are west (to the left) of the Mississippi River. Color them orange.
7) Find the states to the east (to the right) of the Mississippi River. Color them yellow.
8) Find the state you live in. Find the Mississippi River. Is your state to the west or east of the Mississippi River? Do you live in the American West? Complete the sentence below.

I (write *live in* or *don’t live in*) ______________________ the American West because the state I live in is (write *west of* or *east of*) _______________ the Mississippi River.
**Who Lives in the American West?**

**PART 2** – The Autry Museum of the American West has art, artifacts, and objects that tell the stories about the different people, animals, plants, land, and water in the American West. Answer the questions in the chart about where you live and the people, animals, plants, and types of land and water that are important to you on a piece of paper or in the space below.

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<th>QUESTIONS</th>
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<td>Who are some of the people from where you live that are important to you?</td>
<td>Classmates, Doctors, Family members, Firefighters, Friends, Lifeguards, Nurses, Police officers, Principals, Teachers, Other people</td>
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<td>What are some of the animals from where you live that are important to you?</td>
<td>Birds, Cats, Dogs, Fish, Frogs, Insects, Rabbits, Snakes, Squirrels, Zoo animals, Other animals</td>
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<td>What are some of the plants from where you live that are important to you?</td>
<td>Bushes, Cacti, Flowers, Grasses, Trees, Other plants</td>
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<td>What are some types of land and water from where you live that are important to you?</td>
<td>Creeks, Deserts, Forests, Hills, Lakes, Meadows, Mountains, Oceans, Rivers, Valleys, Other types</td>
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My Map or Picture

Some of the people from where I live that are important to me are ____________________________

Some of the animals from where I live that are important to me are ____________________________

Some of the plants from where I live that are important to me are ____________________________

Some types of land and water from where I live that are important to me are ____________________________