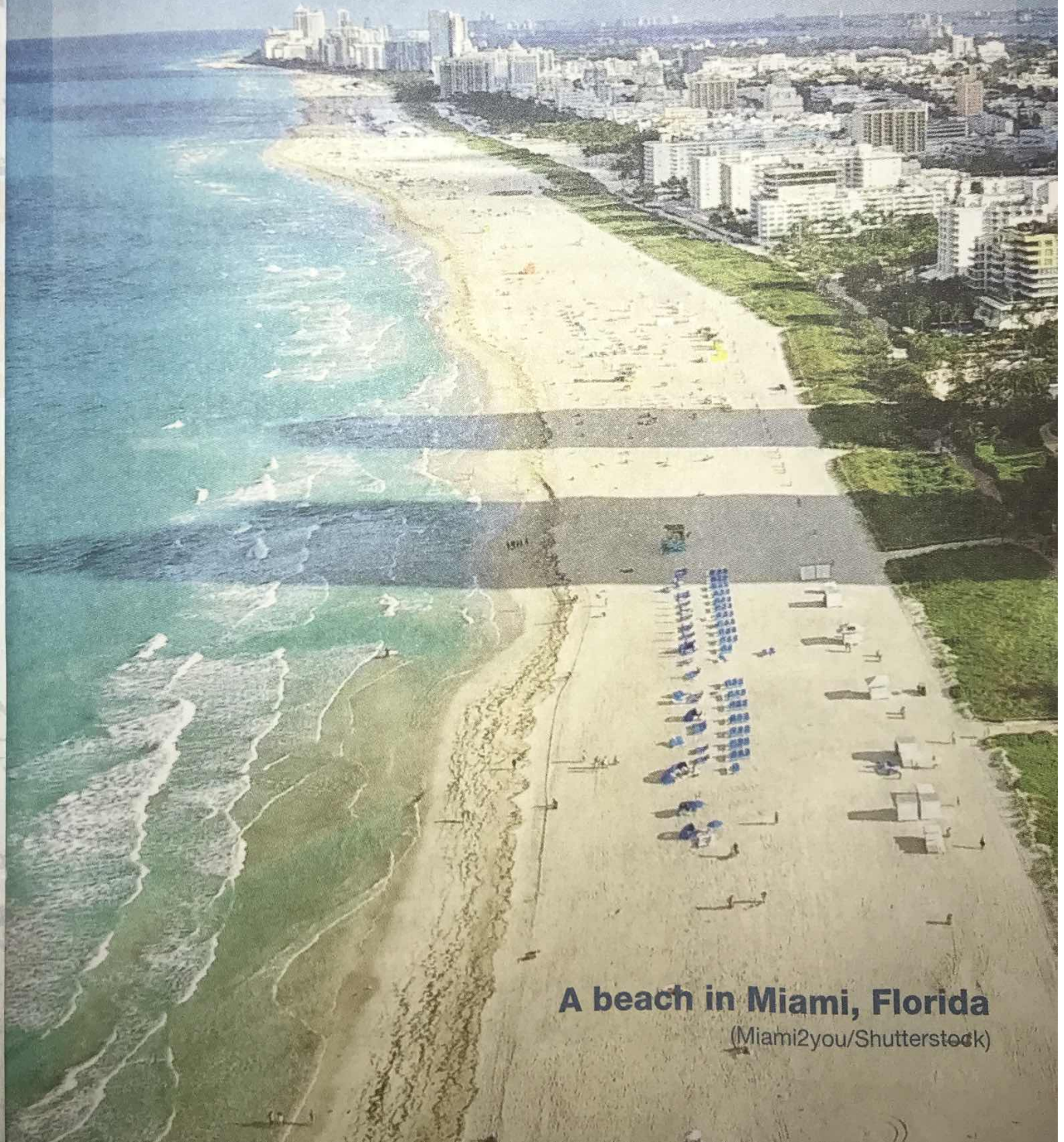


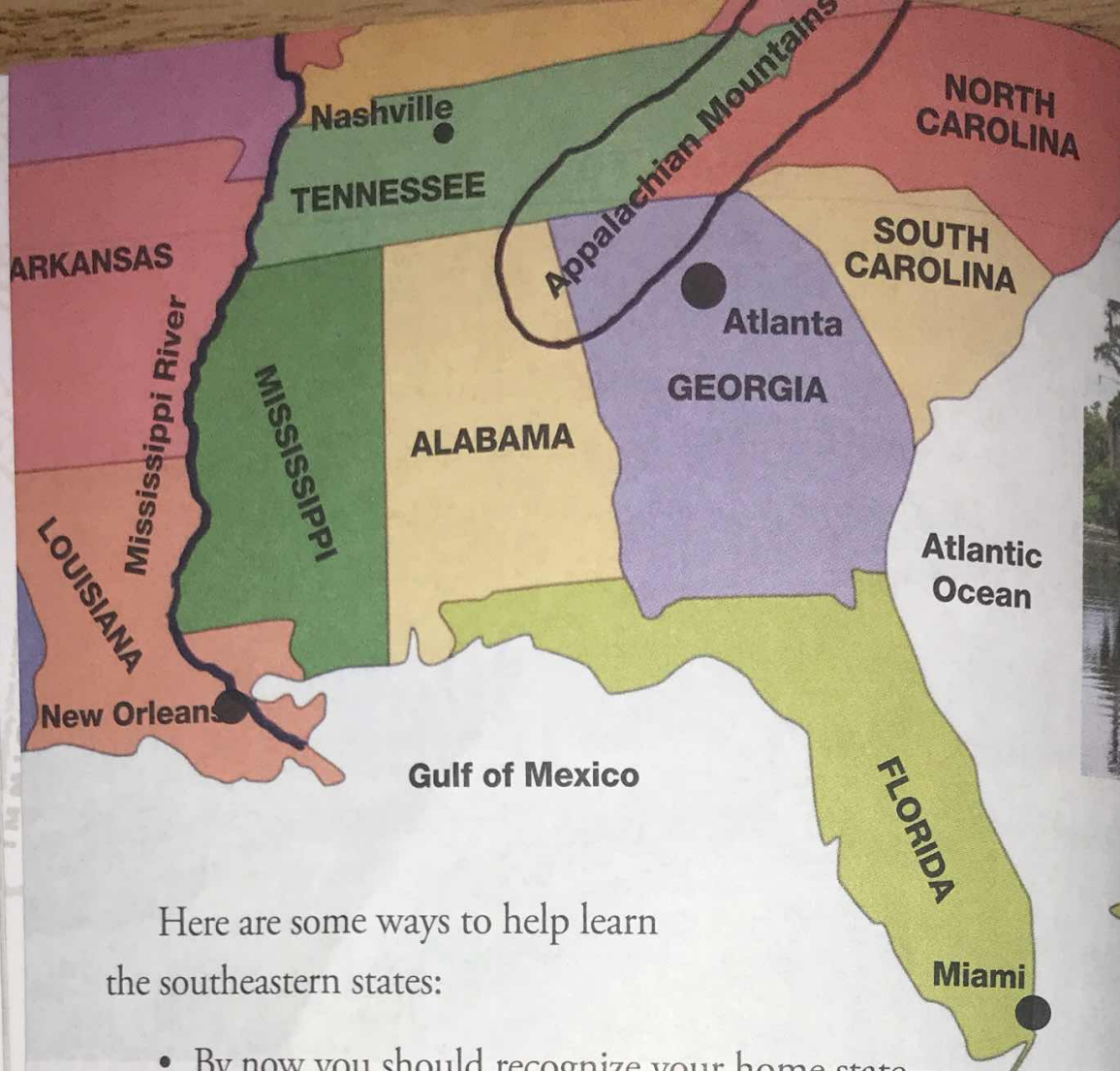
CHAPTER NINE

THE SOUTHEAST

The Southeast is your part of the United States. It contains nine states—**North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas** and (let's not forget) **Tennessee**.



A beach in Miami, Florida
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Here are some ways to help learn the southeastern states:

- By now you should recognize your home state. Tennessee shares a border with eight states, five of which are in this section (North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas).
- You see how Florida stretches to the west? That's known as the "panhandle" of Florida. The part of Florida that sticks out is its peninsula (remember that word?).
- North Carolina is north of South Carolina.

One of the more important cities in the southeast is Miami, Florida, which is about as far southeast as you can go in the U.S. However, Atlanta, Georgia, has the highest population of any southeastern city. About 5.8 million people live in and around Atlanta!

The Mississippi River is the most important river in the South. It flows along (or near) the borders of Tennessee, Arkansas and

Mississippi. The Mississippi River flows into the Gulf of Mexico near the city of New Orleans, Louisiana (see photo on page 13).



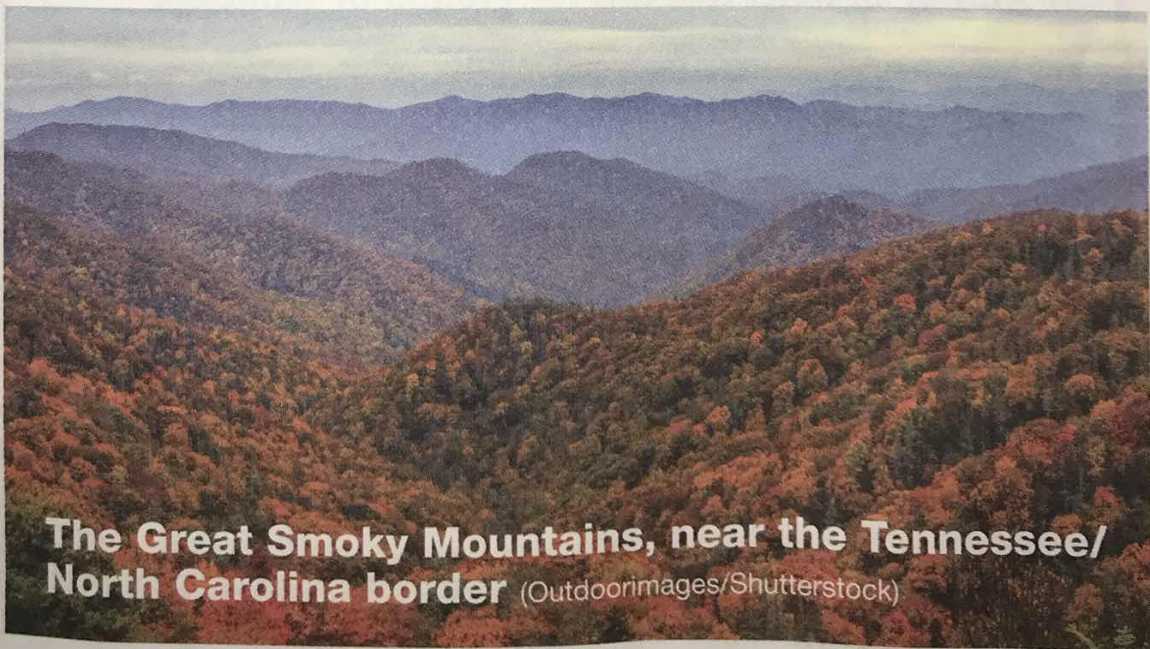
A swamp in Louisiana (Jayne Chapman/Shutterstock)

Since almost all of the rivers in Tennessee eventually flow into the Mississippi River, that means that just about every drop of water that falls to the ground in Tennessee eventually flows to New Orleans!

Remember the Appalachian Mountains, which pass through states such as Vermont and West Virginia? Parts of the Appalachian Mountains are in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

Another land type that you will find in the south is **swamp**—low lying, uncultivated ground where water collects. You can find swamps in Louisiana and Florida.

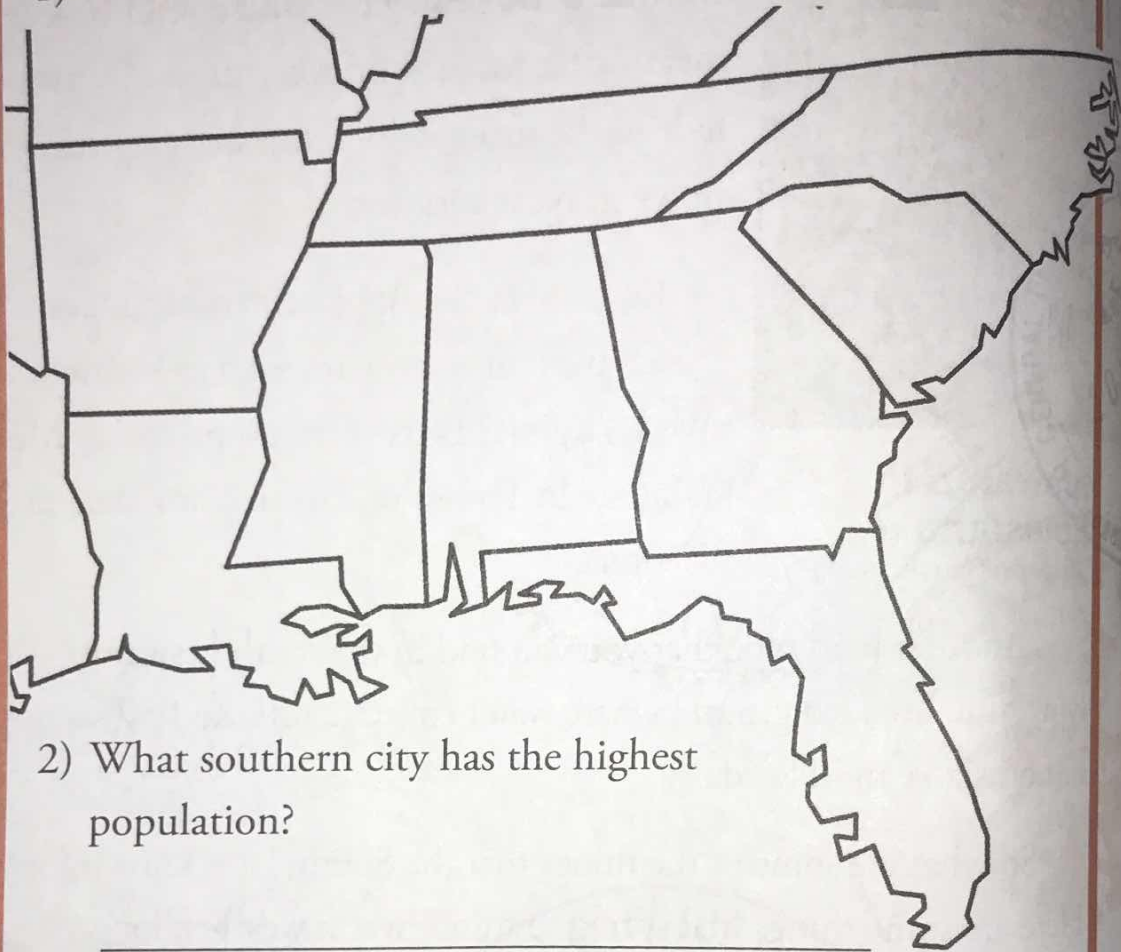
So what are some of the things that the Southeast is known for? Here are some things that spring to mind: warm weather, long summers, good college football teams, cotton and good food. 🌟



The Great Smoky Mountains, near the Tennessee/ North Carolina border (Outdoorimages/Shutterstock)

QUESTIONS

1) Write the names of each state on this map.



2) What southern city has the highest population?

3) Almost all water that hits the ground in Tennessee eventually flows into what river? _____

4) Are you more likely to find mountains or swamps near Miami? _____

5) Are you more likely to find mountains or swamps in Tennessee? _____