

EASTERN USA

NEW YORK



OHIO



MARYLAND



THE map shows only half the USA, but over three-quarters of the population live in this half of the country.

The great cities of the north-east were the first big industrial areas in America. Pittsburgh's American football team is still called the Pittsburgh Steelers, even though nearly all of the steelworks have closed down.

In recent years, many people have moved from the 'snow-belt' of the north to the 'sun-belt' of the south. New industries are booming in the south, where once there was much poverty. And many older people retire to Florida, where even midwinter feels almost like summer.

In the southern states it is hot enough for cotton, tobacco and peanuts to be successful crops. The palm tree on the flag of South Carolina (below, right) suggests that the climate of this part of America is nearly tropical. Summers are very hot and humid and winters are mostly mild. But hurricanes can cause serious flooding and damage near the coast.

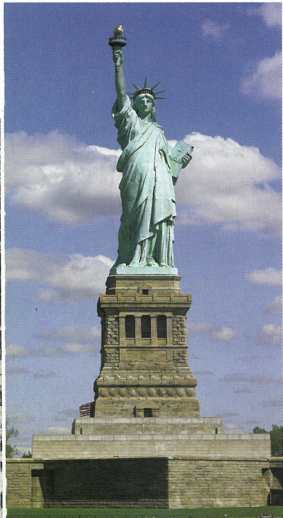
The Appalachian Mountains are beautiful, especially in the autumn (fall), when the leaves turn red. But this area is the poorest part of the USA. Coal mines have closed and farmland is poor. The good farmland is west of the Appalachians, where you can drive for many kilometres past fields of wheat and sweetcorn.



▲ **The school bus in New Hampshire.** The north-east corner of the USA is called New England and was settled by English colonists. The settlers named their towns and villages after places they had known in England. This bus is taking the children to school in the snow!

WHICH US CITY IS MOST IMPORTANT?

Washington, DC, is the capital city, where the President lives. But New York has far more people and industries than Washington. So both are the most important city – but in different ways.



▲ **The Statue of Liberty** stands on an island in New York harbour. When people arrived by ship, the statue was there to greet them! The torch at the top is 93 metres above the ground.



▲ **Skyscrapers in Chicago**, the biggest inland city in the USA. The world's first skyscraper was built here in 1885. These skyscrapers look out over Lake Michigan. The lake shore can freeze over in winter.

TENNESSEE



S. CAROLINA



FLORIDA

