



# I) The different parts of the american territory


## A) The North-East: the heartland of the country


 The « Manufacturing Belt » : the political and economical leading pole

 The « Rust Belt » : a former industrial pole in decline


## B) The developing periphery


 The « Sun Belt »


 The most dynamic centers of the Sun Belt : California, Texas, North-West (Oregon, Seattle), Florida

 The Deep South : on the way to recovery (*Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Géorgia, Virginia*)

## C) The least integrated and dynamic parts of the country

 The « Corn Belt » and the Great Plains : agricultural heartland, low density of population

 The Rocky Mountains and the deserted areas : vast natural reserves, extensive cattlebreeding (ranching), mining

 **Marginal peripheries : the isolated states**  
*Hawaï : insularity, tropical agriculture, tourism*  
*Alaska : harsh polar climate, strategic situation, oil*

