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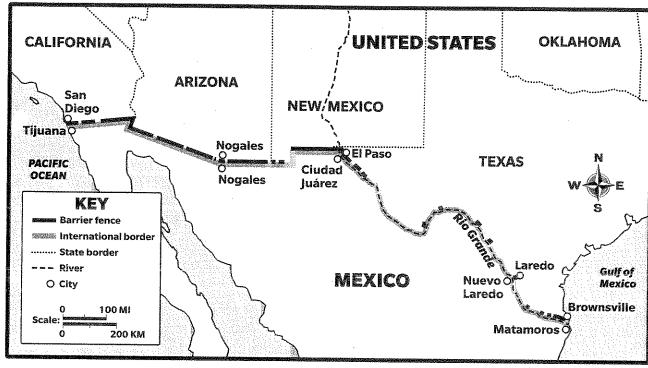
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Across the Border

The border between the U.S. and Mexico spans nearly 2,000 miles. Along the border, the U.S. has built about 650 miles of fencing to try to prevent people from entering the country illegally. Study the map below. Then answer the questions.



- 1. Which four U.S. states border Mexico? In your list below, circle the name of the state that has the most miles of border fencing.
- 2. Border towns sit close to each other on opposite sides of a border. List two pairs of border towns between the U.S. and Mexico.
- 3. The border between California and Mexico spans about how many miles?
- 4. What is the westernmost U.S. city shown on the map? _____
- 5. What geographic feature forms a natural border between Texas and Mexico?
- 6. Hundreds of miles of border fences are not enough to keep many people from illegally entering the U.S. from Mexico. What are some possible reasons why?



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