

North American Midland as a dialect area

1. What geographic boundaries define the Midland region of the US?
2. What are 4 cities that are part of the Midland region and 3 cities that are the most peripheral?
3. What evidence did Hans Kurath use to define the Midland region?
4. How did Carver's Lower North region differ from Kurath's Midland region?
5. How does the data in the Atlas of North American English (ANAE) differ from the data used by Kurath and Carver?
6. What conversational topics were elicited in the ANAE survey?
7. What sound changes define the Inland North dialect region?
8. What sound changes define the South dialect region?
9. How does the Midland region differ from the North and South dialect regions?
10. Who were the "Southern uplanders" and how did they get from to southern Illinois by 1840?
11. Which highway follows the path of the National Road to St. Louis?
12. How do you think the settlement of Kansas parallels the settlement of Iowa?
13. Transcribe the words "hot" and "caught" and say if they rhyme for you.
14. How does Ash represent the vowels /a/ and /ɔ/?
15. How does Ash represent the vowels /ɪ/ and /ɛ/ before nasal consonants?
16. Transcribe the words: full, fool, bull, bowl, gull, goal, skull, full.
17. Transcribe the words: on and roof.
18. What word do you use for a carbonated beverage?
19. Would you say or have you heard someone else in your family say "The floor needs swept"?
20. Would you say "Boy, cars are sure expensive anymore"?
21. Would you say "Remember those one kids we saw last week"?
22. Would you say "I'm going to the store; d'you wanna come with?"
23. How many speakers does Ash include from Kansas City?
24. Add your own data to Table 2 on p. 49. Do you have a Midland dialect?