

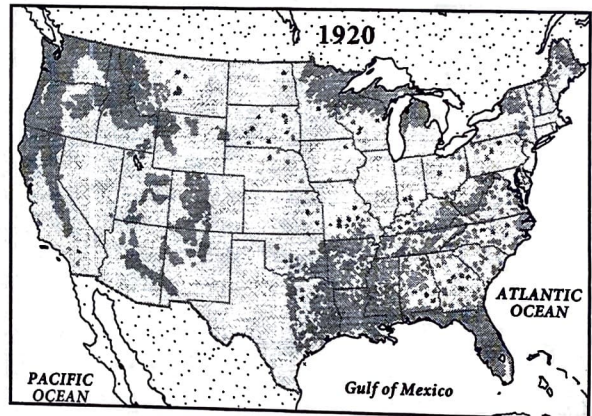
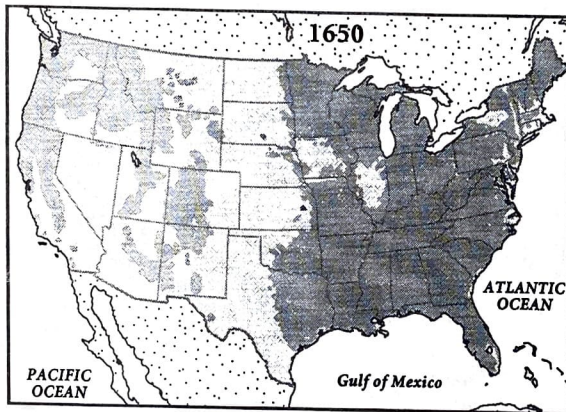
Document A

Source: John Muir, "The American Forests," *Atlantic Monthly*, August, 1897.

Any fool can destroy trees. They cannot run away; and if they could, they would still be destroyed – chased and hunted down as long as fun or a dollar could be got out of their barks and hides.... It took more than three thousand years to make some of the trees in these western woods – trees that are still standing in perfect strength and beauty, waving and singing in the mighty forests of the Sierras. Through all the wonderful, eventful centuries since Christ's time – and long before that – God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand straining, leveling tempests and floods; but He cannot save them from fools – only Uncle Sam can do that.

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 Area of Primary (Never been logged) Forests in the United States



Document Analysis

1. How old were the trees that John Muir was describing?
2. According to Muir, why do people cut down trees?
3. What argument does Muir give for protecting the redwoods?
4. According to Muir, what is the only thing that can save the trees?
5. How do the maps help strengthen John Muir's main arguments?