THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
– THREE MONTHS THAT HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD

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YOUR TASK:

Examine the editorial cartoon. Then, use the questions below to help you decode the cartoon's message. Be specific and include as many details as possible in your answers.

INITIAL READING: What can an initial look reveal?

1. Glance quickly at the cartoon. What is your first impression – your "gut response"?

2. Consider your background knowledge. What do you already know about the context of the cartoon – the time, place or situation? (List key facts.)

CLOSER LOOK: What's happening in the cartoon?

3. Describe what you *see* in the cartoon.

DRAW CONCLUSIONS: What overall impression can you draw?

4. Identify possible biases. Whose perspective or point of view is expressed in the cartoon?

5. Explain the overall message of the cartoon in a paragraph. (Remember, a good interpretation is *specific* and *detailed*.) ★

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MAP ASSIGNMENT

Complete this map assignment to better understand the article *The COVID-19 Pandemic.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain the required resources and read all the instructions before starting.

2. Colour your map **after** all labelling is completed.

3. Print in pencil only first, then go over the printing in black ink.

4. Work carefully and neatly.

Resources Required: pencil, black pen, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser and an atlas.

Visit **www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/geographical-distribution-2019-ncov-cases** to see the current number of COVID-19 cases in Europe.

Part A Locate and label the countries with over 100,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each nation purple.

Part B Locate and label the countries with over 50,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each nation red.

Part C Locate and label the countries with over 20,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each nation orange.

Part D Locate and label the countries with over 10,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each nation pink.

Part E Locate and label the countries with over 3,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each nation yellow.

Part F Shade all remaining countries in Europe light green.

Part G Locate and label the following countries in North Africa in CAPITAL letters and shade each country brown:

Morocco   Algeria
Tunisia

Part H Locate and label the following countries in in CAPITAL letters and shade each country brown:

Turkey   Syria

Part I Locate and label the following and shade all ocean water dark blue:

Atlantic Ocean   North Sea
Bay of Biscay   Mediterranean Sea

Part J Locate and label the following islands:

Corsica (France)   Sardinia (Italy)
Sicily (Italy)

Part K Shade all remaining territory grey.

Part L Colour the key on your map.

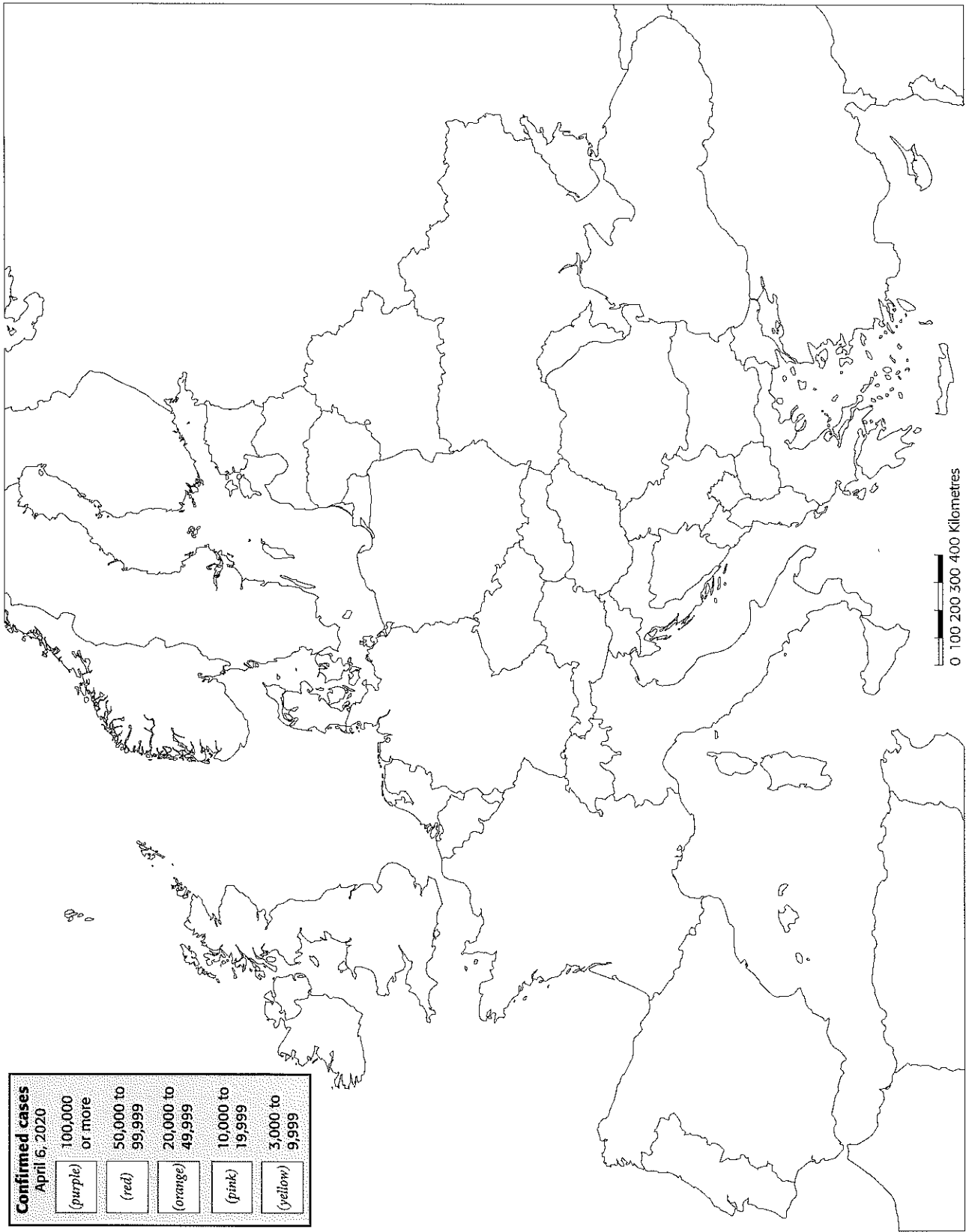**Part M** Complete your map with a frame, title and compass. ★

| Spain | Italy | Germany | France |

Confirmed cases
April 6, 2020

(purple)	100,000 or more
(red)	50,000 to 99,999
(orange)	20,000 to 49,999
(pink)	10,000 to 19,999
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Visit **www.cnn.com/interactive/2020/health/coronavirus-us-maps-and-cases/** to see the current number of COVID-19 cases in the United States.

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Part C Locate and label the states with over 10,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each state orange.

Part D Locate and label the states with over 5,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each state pink.

Part E Locate and label the states with over 2,000 cases in CAPITAL letters and shade each state yellow.

Part F Shade all remaining U.S. states light green.

Part G Locate and label the capital of the United States and <u>underline</u> this city name.

Part H Locate and label the following in CAPITAL letters and shade each country as indicated:

Canada (grey)   Mexico (brown)
Cuba (grey)   The Bahamas (brown)

Part I Locate and label the Great Lakes and shade them light blue.

Part J Locate and label the following and shade all ocean water dark blue:

Atlantic Ocean   Gulf of Mexico
Pacific Ocean

Part K Colour the key on your map.

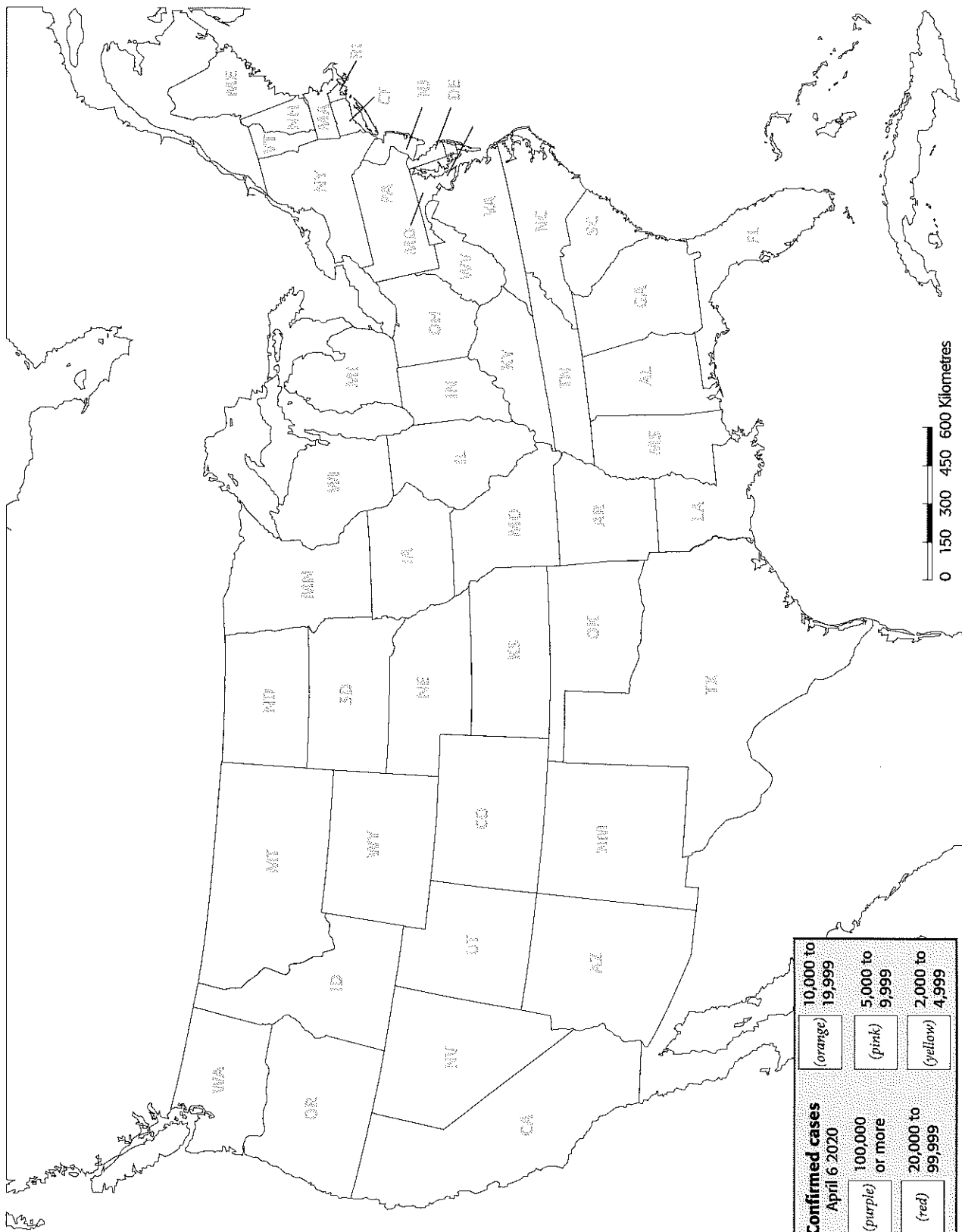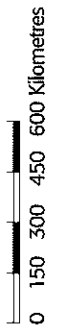**Part L** Complete your map with a frame, title and compass. ★

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New Jersey

United States

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QUIZ

A. Write the letter that corresponds to the <u>best</u> answer on the line beside each question:

_____ **1. In which Chinese city did the first cases of COVID-19 occur?**

a) Beijing　　　　　　　　　　　b) Hong Kong

c) Tokyo　　　　　　　　　　　　d) Wuhan

e) Shanghai

_____ **2. Where do health authorities suspect people were first infected by COVID-19?**

a) at a hospital　　　　　　　　　b) at an airport

c) at a shopping mall　　　　　　　d) at a sports stadium

e) at a live animal market

_____ **3. Which country in Europe was especially impacted by COVID-19?**

a) Italy　　　　　　　　　　　　b) South Korea

c) Sweden　　　　　　　　　　　d) Poland

e) Germany

B. Mark the statements T (True) or F (False). If a statement is <u>True</u>, write one important fact to support it on the line below. If a statement is <u>False</u>, write the words that make it true on the line below.

_____ **4. True** or **False?** The entire country of China was put under a quarantine.

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_____ **5. True** or **False?** Many countries closed their borders and banned travelers who had come from the U.S.

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_____ **6. True** or **False?** Many developed countries are eager to help poor nations affected by COVID-19.

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C. Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence.

7. China quickly built two _____ to treat COVID-19 patients.

8. COVID-19 = Corona Virus _____ 2019.

9. On March 11 the WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak was a _____ .

D. Respond to the following question in paragraph form. *(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)*

As you see it, what is the significance of the COVID-19 pandemic? Give reasons to explain your answer.

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