Place Name Worksheet

Locate these words on a U.S. map:

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<th>French</th>
<th>Spanish</th>
<th>Native American</th>
<th>English</th>
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<td>Beau or Belle</td>
<td>Amarillo</td>
<td>Apache</td>
<td>Birmingham</td>
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<td>Croix: Cross</td>
<td>Baja</td>
<td>Cherokee</td>
<td>Boston</td>
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<td>Grand</td>
<td>Cruz</td>
<td>Cheyenne</td>
<td>Cambridge</td>
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<td>Isle</td>
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<td>Platte</td>
<td>Rio</td>
<td>Miami</td>
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<td>Prairie</td>
<td>San or Santa</td>
<td>Navajo</td>
<td>Newark</td>
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<td>Rouge</td>
<td>Sierra</td>
<td>Sioux</td>
<td>Portland</td>
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After finding these places on the United States map, answer the following questions.

1. What patterns did you notice? Are there similar place names in one section of the country?
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2. Do you notice anything odd or unusual?
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3. Based on the data, what regions did the Spanish, French, and English people explore?
   Spanish________________________________________________________
   French________________________________________________________
   English________________________________________________________

4. Where did/do the Native Americans live?
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   ________________________________________________________________
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Answer Key for Place Name Worksheet

1. Answers will vary

2. Answers will vary

3. Spain – Florida, Southwest, Nevada, Colorado, California
   France – NW Border/Canada, Great Lakes, Louisiana, Mississippi River Valley
   England- Everywhere, especially in New England

4. Everywhere except Hawaii (Polynesian)
Name That Place

Summary Writing Prompt

You are a geographer recording information about place names in the U.S.A. Write a summary of your information for National Geographic Magazine. Explain what you observed about place names in your summary.

Use the answers to the questions on your Place Name Worksheet to help you with this assignment.

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Student Checklist

___ Did you mention patterns you observed?
___ Where were the Native American names located?
___ What regions did Spanish, French and English people explore?