Worksheet: Where is Grand Canyon National Park?

Part 1: Finding Grand Canyon National Park
1) Can you find the place where the corners of four states meet? This is called Four Corners. The states that make up the Four Corners are ____________ , ____________, ____________, ____________.

2) Look west and slightly south of Four Corners and you will find Grand Canyon National Park. It is in the state of ____________ . The Grand Canyon is located in a geographic area known as the Colorado Plateau, which is characterized by layers of sedimentary rock that have been uplifted thousands of feet above sea level. Grand Canyon National Park protects over one million acres of northwestern Arizona along 277 miles of the Colorado River. The canyon averages 10 miles wide and one vertical mile deep.

3) The Colorado River is 1,400 miles long. Since only 277 miles are in the Grand Canyon it must flow through other areas. Begin at Grand Canyon and follow the river upstream to the northeast. The Colorado River begins in the state of ____________ . After leaving the state where it begins, the Colorado River flows through ____________ before entering Arizona. It flows from the ____________ mountain range. In Utah, it passes through Lake ____________ and the ____________ Dam. Label the three states the Colorado River flows through on the map to the right.

4) Now trace the river downstream to the west and south of Grand Canyon. The river goes through Lake ____________. What dam does the river pass? ____________. The river creates the state border between ____________ and ____________ and then between ____________ and ____________. The river finally ends in which ocean? ____________.

Part 2: How far is Grand Canyon National Park from where you live?
1) Using a map that has your city and state and Grand Canyon, determine your route to Grand Canyon. How many total miles will you travel? ____________. To calculate how many hours it will take you to drive, divide the number of miles by 50 m.p.h. (this is an average speed). How many hours will it take? ____________. How many days? ____________. How many states will you pass through? ____________. Will you cross any major geographic features? If so, list them: ____________, ____________, ____________, ____________, ____________.