Two Maps, Two Jobs

Read how map features help with different plans.

SS24.2.8 "Differentiate between the features of a physical map and a political map, and explain how these features contribute to the map's purpose."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words for natural features, and circle words for named places or borders made by people so you can tell the two maps apart.

Mia Plans a Walk

1. Mia plans a trip with her class. She looks at two maps of the same place. One map helps her see what the land and water are like. The other helps her find places people have named.

2. On the physical map, Mia spots a steep hill and a river near the trail. These features show the shape of the land and where water flows. She uses this map to plan a safe walk.

3. On the political map, Mia finds the town of Pine Bend and the line between two counties. The town name and county line show how people divide and name places. She uses this map to tell which county the park is in.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does the physical map help Mia plan a safe walk? Name one feature it shows.

2. How does the county line on the political map help Mia?

3. Mia wants to find the river and the town of Pine Bend. Which map should she use for each? Why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you are making maps for a beach trip. Write two sentences: name one feature for a physical map and tell how it would help, then do the same for a political map.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words for natural features, and circle words for named places or borders made by people so you can tell the two maps apart. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does the physical map help Mia plan a safe walk? Name one feature it shows.	**It shows the shape of the land, including a steep hill, so Mia can plan her walk.**
2	How does the county line on the political map help Mia?	**It helps her tell which county the park is in.**
3	Mia wants to find the river and the town of Pine Bend. Which map should she use for each? Why?	**She should use the physical map for the river because it shows natural features. She should use the political map for Pine Bend because it shows named places.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A physical map could show a rocky cliff, so we could plan a path away from it. A political map could show a state border, so we could tell which state the beach is in.

Accept any natural land or water feature for the physical map and any named place or government border for the political map. Each explanation should match the feature and the map's purpose.