Land Shapes Tour

Compare land and water features across the United States.

SS24.2.9 "Compare the physical characteristics of regions throughout the United States, including landforms. 9a Describe regions of the state and nation, using vocabulary associated with geographical features of Earth, including bay, hill, island..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word that names a land or water feature. Circle the place or region named near it to see where each feature is found.

A Trip Across the Land

1. Along the East Coast, Chesapeake Bay is a wide place where ocean water reaches into land. Far south, Florida is a peninsula with water on three sides. Far out in the Pacific Ocean, Hawaii has islands with water all around.

2. In the West, the Rocky Mountains form a mountain range, or a long group of mountains. Some valleys are low places between mountains. In the Southwest, the Colorado Plateau is high land with broad, flat areas and deep canyons.

3. In the Midwest, some land is flat, but other places have low hills. A hill rises above nearby land, yet it is usually lower than a mountain. The flat plains of the Midwest look different from the tall Rocky Mountains in the West.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How is Florida's peninsula different from Hawaii's islands?

2. How are the Rocky Mountains and the Colorado Plateau alike and different?

3. How is Chesapeake Bay different from the valleys in the West?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In two sentences, compare Midwest hills with one feature in another region from the passage. Name both regions and tell how the features differ.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word that names a land or water feature. Circle the place or region named near it to see where each feature is found. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is Florida's peninsula different from Hawaii's islands?	**Water is on three sides of Florida's peninsula, but water is all around Hawaii's islands.**
2	How are the Rocky Mountains and the Colorado Plateau alike and different?	**Both are high land. The Rocky Mountains are a long group of mountains, while the Colorado Plateau has broad, flat areas and deep canyons.**
3	How is Chesapeake Bay different from the valleys in the West?	**Chesapeake Bay is water that reaches into land. The valleys are low land between mountains.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Midwest hills are low land that rises above nearby land. Unlike those hills, Chesapeake Bay on the East Coast is ocean water that reaches into land.

Accept comparisons that correctly describe both features using evidence from the passage. For Part 3, the response must name the Midwest and another region and compare their features in two sentences.