Places and Symbols

Find where important objects are and what they mean.

SS24.3.4 "Locate and describe the significance of state and national symbols, landmarks, and monuments."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the place named for each flag, bridge, and statue. Circle words that show why each one matters.

A Trip from Coast to Coast

1. Imagine a trip across the United States. At a school in California, you see the California state flag. It shows a grizzly bear and the words California Republic. The words recall a short-lived republic declared by settlers in 1846. The bear is a symbol of strength. Beside it flies the United States flag. Its 50 stars stand for the 50 states joined in one country.

2. Next, you visit the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. It crosses the Golden Gate, a narrow waterway between San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The bridge opened in 1937. It gave people a new way to travel between San Francisco and land to the north. Today, many people recognize it as a landmark of California and a sign of bold building.

3. Far to the east, the Statue of Liberty stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. France gave the statue to the United States as a gift of friendship. Its torch stands for freedom. For many people arriving by ship, the statue was one of the first sights of their new home. It is a national monument that helps people remember freedom and welcome.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where does the traveler see the California state flag? What do its words recall?

2. Where does the traveler see the United States flag? What do its stars stand for?

3. Where is the Golden Gate Bridge? Why is it important for travel?

4. Where is the Statue of Liberty? Name one idea it helps people remember.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a new monument for your community. In three sentences, tell where you would put it, what it would honor, and why that place would help people remember.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the place named for each flag, bridge, and statue. Circle words that show why each one matters. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where does the traveler see the California state flag? What do its words recall?	**At a school in California. The words recall a short-lived republic declared in 1846.**
2	Where does the traveler see the United States flag? What do its stars stand for?	**At a school in California. Its 50 stars stand for the 50 states joined in one country.**
3	Where is the Golden Gate Bridge? Why is it important for travel?	**It is in San Francisco, California. It provides a way to travel between San Francisco and land to the north.**
4	Where is the Statue of Liberty? Name one idea it helps people remember.	**It is on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. It helps people remember freedom or welcome.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would put a small stone bench outside our town library. It would honor neighbors who help others after storms. People passing the library could see it and remember how our town works together.

Accept answers that use the passage to connect each place with its meaning or importance. For Part 3, look for a new monument with a clear location, purpose, and reason for that location.