Two Different Routes

Trace journeys through North and South America

SS24.3.9a "Trace and compare routes of early explorers of North and South America."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the first two paragraphs, underline each named place on de Soto's route and circle each named place on Magellan's route. Number the places in travel order for each explorer.

Across Land and Sea

1. In 1539, Hernando de Soto led a Spanish group from Cuba across the sea to Florida. From Florida, the group moved over land through parts of what are now Georgia and Alabama. They went on to the Mississippi River. Indigenous peoples already lived along this route. De Soto's group took food and fought with some of the communities they met.

2. In 1519, Ferdinand Magellan led ships from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean. They reached the coast of South America. The ships sailed south along that coast, then passed through a narrow waterway near the southern tip of the continent. They entered the Pacific Ocean. Magellan did not finish the long voyage, but his ships had traced a water route around South America.

3. Both routes began with a trip over the sea, but the paths changed after land came into view. De Soto's group left its ships and traveled inland across parts of North America. Magellan's ships stayed on the water and followed the edge of South America. Their trips affected the people who lived in these places. A route shows where travelers went, not who discovered a place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Trace de Soto's route in order, starting in Cuba and ending at the Mississippi River.

2. Trace Magellan's route in order, starting in Spain and ending at the Pacific Ocean.

3. After their first sea crossing, which continent did each explorer reach?

4. How did their routes differ after they reached land?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Plan a route from Spain to Alabama using at least three places named in the passage. In three sentences, trace your route in order, then tell one way it is alike and one way it is different from de Soto's route.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In the first two paragraphs, underline each named place on de Soto's route and circle each named place on Magellan's route. Number the places in travel order for each explorer. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Trace de Soto's route in order, starting in Cuba and ending at the Mississippi River.	**Cuba, across the sea to Florida, through Georgia and Alabama, then to the Mississippi River.**
2	Trace Magellan's route in order, starting in Spain and ending at the Pacific Ocean.	**Spain, across the Atlantic Ocean to South America, south along its coast, through a narrow waterway, then into the Pacific Ocean.**
3	After their first sea crossing, which continent did each explorer reach?	**De Soto reached North America at Florida. Magellan reached South America.**
4	How did their routes differ after they reached land?	**De Soto's group traveled inland across North America. Magellan's ships stayed on the water along South America's coast.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would sail from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean to Florida. Then I would travel over land through Georgia to Alabama. Like de Soto, I would go from Florida through Georgia to Alabama, but I would begin in Spain instead of Cuba.

Accept routes with a possible order of travel and at least three places named in the passage. The comparison must identify one accurate similarity and one accurate difference from de Soto's route.