Alabama War Sites

Use location clues to map World War II sites.

SS24.5.10b "Locate military installations in Alabama during World War II on a map, including Redstone Arsenal, Camp Rucker (Fort Novosel), Fort McClellan, Craig Army Air Base, Brookley Field, Tuskegee Army Air Field, and major POW camps in Alabama."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the eight military sites and POW camps named in the passage. Circle a nearby city, border, or direction clue that helps you place each one on a map.

Where Were the War Sites?

1. Picture Alabama as a tall shape on a map. Its northern border meets Tennessee, its western border meets Mississippi, and its eastern border meets Georgia. The Gulf of Mexico touches a short stretch at the bottom. During World War II, military posts spread across the state. To locate them, use nearby cities and directions, not just names. Several posts changed names after the war.

2. Start in the north: Redstone Arsenal is by Huntsville, close to the Tennessee border. Fort McClellan was by Anniston in eastern Alabama, south of Huntsville. Craig Army Air Base, called Craig Field during the war, was by Selma in central Alabama. Brookley Field was in Mobile, near Mobile Bay in southwestern Alabama. Each site belongs at a different point on a state sketch map.

3. In southeastern Alabama, Camp Rucker, later called Fort Novosel, was near Ozark. Tuskegee Army Air Field was near Tuskegee in east-central Alabama, northwest of Camp Rucker. Alabama also held captured enemy soldiers at prisoner-of-war (POW) camps. Camp Aliceville was in west-central Alabama, near the Mississippi border. Camp Opelika was in eastern Alabama, near the Georgia border and northeast of Tuskegee. Place these camps on the map, too.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which military site would you place closest to Alabama's northern border? What city is nearby?

2. Which military site would you place near Mobile Bay in southwestern Alabama?

3. Which POW camp belongs near the Mississippi border? Which belongs near the Georgia border?

4. Which military site would you place northwest of Camp Rucker? What city is nearby?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a tall outline of Alabama in the box and mark north, south, east, and west. Use the passage's clues to place eight numbered dots for the six military sites and two POW camps, then write a numbered key naming each site.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the eight military sites and POW camps named in the passage. Circle a nearby city, border, or direction clue that helps you place each one on a map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which military site would you place closest to Alabama's northern border? What city is nearby?	**Redstone Arsenal, near Huntsville.**
2	Which military site would you place near Mobile Bay in southwestern Alabama?	**Brookley Field.**
3	Which POW camp belongs near the Mississippi border? Which belongs near the Georgia border?	**Camp Aliceville belongs near the Mississippi border. Camp Opelika belongs near the Georgia border.**
4	Which military site would you place northwest of Camp Rucker? What city is nearby?	**Tuskegee Army Air Field, near Tuskegee.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A sample sketch shows a tall Alabama outline with N at the top, S at the bottom, W on the left, and E on the right. Numbered dots and key: 1 Redstone Arsenal, near the top by Huntsville; 2 Fort McClellan, in the east by Anniston; 3 Craig Army Air Base, near the center by Selma; 4 Brookley Field, in the southwest by Mobile; 5 Camp Rucker, in the southeast by Ozark; 6 Tuskegee Army Air Field, in east-central Alabama by Tuskegee and northwest of 5; 7 Camp Aliceville, in west-central Alabama near Mississippi; 8 Camp Opelika, in eastern Alabama near Georgia and northeast of 6.

Accept approximate placements that match the passage's direction and border clues. The sketch need not show exact distances or city boundaries.