Alabama's War Connections

Locate places that helped the World War I effort

SS24.5.5d "Locate Alabama military training camps, ammunition depots, and the Port of Mobile on a map and explain their role in World War I efforts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle Camp Sheridan, Camp McClellan, and the Port of Mobile; underline clues to their locations, and box words that tell what camps, depots, and the port did.

From Training Grounds to the Coast

1. When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Alabama became a place to prepare people and supplies. Picture a map of the state. Montgomery lies in central Alabama. Anniston is northeast of Montgomery, near the state's eastern side. Mobile is far to the south, beside Mobile Bay. These places did different jobs, but roads and rail lines connected them.

2. Camp Sheridan, near Montgomery, and Camp McClellan, near Anniston, were military training camps. Soldiers practiced marching and learned to work together before serving in the war. Each camp also needed a safe place for ammunition used in training. A camp ammunition depot was a guarded storage area for cartridges and shells. To place one on a map, find its inland camp first.

3. At the Port of Mobile, on Mobile Bay, workers loaded and unloaded ships. The port connected Alabama's rail lines with sea routes. Materials could travel by train to the coast and then by ship to other places supporting the war. A training camp prepared soldiers, an ammunition depot stored supplies, and the port moved cargo. Each place helped turn plans into action.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where would you locate Camp Sheridan on an Alabama map, and how did it help the war effort?

2. Which direction is Camp McClellan from Camp Sheridan, and what happened at Camp McClellan?

3. Where would you place a camp ammunition depot on a map, and what was its job?

4. Where would you locate the Port of Mobile, and how did it help move war supplies?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a train carrying ammunition leaves the Port of Mobile for Camp McClellan. Write three or four sentences that trace its direction across Alabama, tell where the ammunition would be stored, and explain how this trip would help soldiers prepare.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle Camp Sheridan, Camp McClellan, and the Port of Mobile; underline clues to their locations, and box words that tell what camps, depots, and the port did. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where would you locate Camp Sheridan on an Alabama map, and how did it help the war effort?	**Near Montgomery in central Alabama. Soldiers trained there before serving in the war.**
2	Which direction is Camp McClellan from Camp Sheridan, and what happened at Camp McClellan?	**It is northeast of Camp Sheridan, near Anniston. Soldiers trained there.**
3	Where would you place a camp ammunition depot on a map, and what was its job?	**At an inland military training camp. It guarded and stored cartridges and shells.**
4	Where would you locate the Port of Mobile, and how did it help move war supplies?	**In southern Alabama on Mobile Bay. Workers loaded and unloaded ships, connecting rail cargo with sea routes.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The train leaves the Port of Mobile and travels north and east toward Camp McClellan, near Anniston. At the camp, workers put the ammunition in a guarded depot until it is needed. This trip brings supplies from the coast to the place where soldiers train.

Accept descriptions that place the camps near their named cities, depots at training camps, and the port on Mobile Bay. For Your Turn, accept a plausible northeastward route and a clear link between stored ammunition and training.