Labels Along the Way

Read three sea routes to sort cities, countries, continents, and oceans.

SS24.7.1d "Describe how geographic features and political entities are organized and labeled, including continents, countries, and oceans."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every continent name, circle every country name, and write 1, 2, and 3 above the first mention of each different ocean in the order it appears.

Three Routes Across the Water

1. Imagine a box of books traveling by ship from Casablanca, Morocco, to Salvador, Brazil. Casablanca is a city in the country of Morocco, on the continent of Africa. Salvador is a city in Brazil, on the continent of South America. The ship crosses the Atlantic Ocean between the two continents. If a clerk labeled only the cities, a reader might miss the larger pattern. The country and continent labels show where each city belongs; the ocean label names the water crossed.

2. Now follow a container from Mombasa, Kenya, to Chennai, India. Mombasa sits on the coast of Africa, while Chennai is on the coast of Asia. Kenya and India are countries, not continents. The Indian Ocean stretches between these stops, although a ship may pass other coastal waters along the way. A route description becomes clearer when it pairs each city with its country and continent. Without those larger labels, someone unfamiliar with the cities could mistake the two stops for nearby places.

3. A third route runs from Vancouver, Canada, to Yokohama, Japan. Vancouver is in North America, and Yokohama is in Asia. A ship traveling between them crosses the Pacific Ocean. Notice that Asia appears on two routes, but India and Japan are different countries within it. A continent name groups a vast area of land; a country name points to a political entity within that area. An ocean name marks a major body of water, not a piece of land or a government.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. For the Casablanca-to-Salvador route, name each city's country and continent.

2. On the Mombasa-to-Chennai route, which country belongs with Africa, and which belongs with Asia?

3. For the Vancouver-to-Yokohama route, name the two continents and the ocean the ship crosses.

4. Compare the first two routes. Which ocean does each cross, and which continent appears in both?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In four or five sentences, describe a sea route between two real cities not named in the passage. Name each city's country and continent, name an ocean crossed on the route, and explain what the country, continent, and ocean labels tell a reader.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every continent name, circle every country name, and write 1, 2, and 3 above the first mention of each different ocean in the order it appears. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	For the Casablanca-to-Salvador route, name each city's country and continent.	**Casablanca: Morocco, Africa. Salvador: Brazil, South America.**
2	On the Mombasa-to-Chennai route, which country belongs with Africa, and which belongs with Asia?	**Kenya belongs with Africa; India belongs with Asia.**
3	For the Vancouver-to-Yokohama route, name the two continents and the ocean the ship crosses.	**North America and Asia; the Pacific Ocean.**
4	Compare the first two routes. Which ocean does each cross, and which continent appears in both?	**The first crosses the Atlantic Ocean, and the second crosses the Indian Ocean. Africa appears in both.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My traveler leaves Lisbon in Portugal, on the continent of Europe. The traveler crosses the Atlantic Ocean by ship. The trip ends in New York City in the United States, on the continent of North America. Portugal and the United States are country labels, while Europe and North America are continent labels. The Atlantic Ocean label identifies the water crossed between them.

For Part 1, students should mark every occurrence of a continent or country name and number the first mentions of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans in that order. For Part 3, accept other geographically accurate routes that meet all parts of the prompt.