

Find North America

Use labels and directions to locate places on a map.

SS.2.G.1.4 "Use a map to locate the countries in North America (Canada, United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean Islands)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the four place names you would locate on a map, then number Canada, the United States, and Mexico 1, 2, and 3 from north to south.

Map Search

- ① A map can help you find places in North America. First, look for Canada. It is the large country at the top of North America. The United States is below Canada, sharing a long border with it.
- ② Next, find Mexico below the United States. Mexico shares its northern border with the United States. The Caribbean Islands are southeast of the United States, in the Caribbean Sea. They are east of Mexico. Map labels help you tell these places apart.
- ③ When you use a map, start with a place you know. Then check what is above, below, or beside it. Read each label carefully. Using directions and labels helps you locate Canada, the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean Islands.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

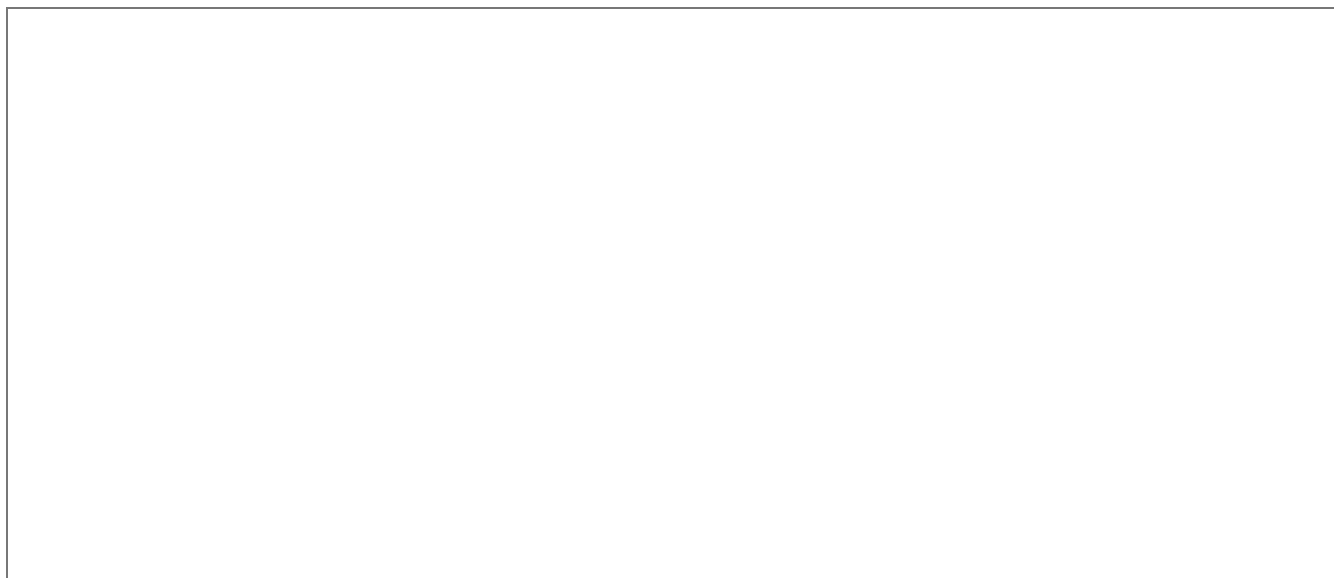
1 Which country would you find north of the United States on a map?

2 What direction would you move from the United States to find Mexico?

3 Where are the Caribbean Islands compared with Mexico?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

In the box, draw a simple map of North America. Label Canada, the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean Islands. Draw arrows to show where each place is compared with the United States.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the four place names you would locate on a map, then number Canada, the United States, and Mexico 1, 2, and 3 from north to south. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country would you find north of the United States on a map?	Canada.
2	What direction would you move from the United States to find Mexico?	South.
3	Where are the Caribbean Islands compared with Mexico?	They are east of Mexico.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Canada is labeled at the top. The United States is below Canada, Mexico is below the United States, and the Caribbean Islands are southeast of the United States. Arrows show north to Canada, south to Mexico, and southeast to the Caribbean Islands.

Accept clear labels and correct relative locations. Student maps do not need exact shapes or exact borders, but Canada must be north of the United States, Mexico south of it, and the Caribbean Islands southeast of it.