

Settlements Across North America

Read location clues to identify six American Indian regions.

SS3H1.a "Locate the regions where American Indians settled in North America: Arctic, Northwest Southwest, Plains, Northeast, and Southeast."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each of the six region names. Underline the words that tell where each region was located in North America.

Regions and Location Clues

- ① American Indians lived in many regions of North America long before the United States existed. The Arctic was in the far north, where winters were very cold and much land was icy. The Northwest was along the Pacific coast in the west. People there used forests, rivers, and the ocean for food and materials each day.
- ② In the Southwest, American Indians lived in the dry lands of the south and west. Some communities built homes from earth or stone and grew crops where water was available. The Plains spread across the wide middle of North America. Grasslands supported large herds of bison, and many Plains people moved to follow food sources.
- ③ The Northeast was in the eastern part of North America, near the Great Lakes and the Atlantic coast. The Southeast lay farther south and east, where the weather was often warm and wet. American Indian nations adapted to the land, water, plants, and animals in each region. These six regions help us locate where different peoples settled.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which region was in the far north and had icy land?

2 Which two regions are described as being in the west?

3 Where were the Plains located in North America?

4 What location words describe the Southeast?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Complete a six-row location guide. Use each region name once, then write a phrase that tells where it was located in North America.

REGION	WHERE IT WAS LOCATED

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each of the six region names. Underline the words that tell where each region was located in North America. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which region was in the far north and had icy land?	The Arctic.
2	Which two regions are described as being in the west?	The Northwest and the Southwest.
3	Where were the Plains located in North America?	Across the wide middle of North America.
4	What location words describe the Southeast?	Farther south and east.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

REGION	WHERE IT WAS LOCATED
Arctic	far north, with icy land
Northwest	along the Pacific coast in the west
Southwest	dry lands of the south and west
Plains	wide middle of North America
Northeast	eastern North America, near the Great Lakes and Atlantic coast
Southeast	farther south and east

Accept equivalent location phrases that match the passage, such as "north" for Arctic or "central North America" for Plains. For the location guide, each of the six regions should be used once with an accurate directional or geographic clue.