

Features Across America

Identify natural and built landmarks by location.

SS4G1 "Locate important physical and man-made features in the United States."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each physical feature and circle each man-made feature. Draw a small arrow beside every word or phrase that tells where a feature is located.

Maya's Cross-Country Stops

- ① On a class trip across the United States, Maya first visits the Rocky Mountains in the West. These high mountains stretch through several states. Farther east, she sees the Mississippi River. It flows south through the central part of the country and reaches the Gulf of Mexico. Both the mountains and river are physical features formed by nature.
- ② Near the Pacific Ocean, Maya stops in San Francisco, California, to see the Golden Gate Bridge. The bridge crosses the entrance to San Francisco Bay. Later, she visits the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor on the East Coast. People built both landmarks, so they are man-made features. They help people identify these places.
- ③ Maya's last stop is Hoover Dam on the Colorado River, between Nevada and Arizona. Engineers built the dam to control water and make electricity. Unlike the river, the dam is man-made. Maya records each feature with its location and type. Knowing whether a feature is physical or man-made helps her describe where important places are in the United States.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Which physical feature is in the West, and which physical feature flows through the central part of the country?

- 2 Name the man-made feature in San Francisco and the man-made feature in New York Harbor.

- 3 What feature is between Nevada and Arizona? Is it physical or man-made?

- 4 Where does the Mississippi River flow, and what body of water does it reach?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one important physical feature and one important man-made feature in the United States that are not named in the reading. Write three sentences that name each feature, tell where it is, and explain why it is physical or man-made.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each physical feature and circle each man-made feature. Draw a small arrow beside every word or phrase that tells where a feature is located. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which physical feature is in the West, and which physical feature flows through the central part of the country?	The Rocky Mountains are in the West. The Mississippi River flows through the central part of the country.
2	Name the man-made feature in San Francisco and the man-made feature in New York Harbor.	The Golden Gate Bridge is in San Francisco. The Statue of Liberty is in New York Harbor.
3	What feature is between Nevada and Arizona? Is it physical or man-made?	Hoover Dam is between Nevada and Arizona. It is man-made.
4	Where does the Mississippi River flow, and what body of water does it reach?	It flows south through the central part of the country and reaches the Gulf of Mexico.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lake Superior is a physical feature beside Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan because nature formed the lake. The Gateway Arch is a man-made feature in St. Louis, Missouri, because people designed and built it. These features help locate important places in the United States.

Accept only locations and feature types supported by the passage for Questions 1 through 4. For Your Turn, accept accurate United States examples not named in the reading when the student gives a location and correctly identifies each feature as physical or man-made.