

Places That Grow

How resources, people, and transportation shape important places

SS5G2.b "Locate primary agricultural and industrial locations since the turn of the 20th century and explain how factors such as population, transportation, and resources have influenced these areas (e.g...."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each place where farming or industry grew. Circle words or phrases that show a resource, transportation route, or population change, so you can explain why each place grew.

Why Some Places Grew

- ① At the turn of the 1900s, Chicago, Illinois, grew into a major industrial city. It stood beside Lake Michigan and near railroads that linked farms, mines, and eastern cities. Grain from Midwestern farms reached Chicago by rail and water. Meatpacking plants and steel mills used this transportation network. A large and growing population supplied workers and buyers for goods.
- ② Detroit, Michigan, became a leading automobile-manufacturing center in the early 1900s. Factories needed iron, coal, rubber, and many workers. Rail lines and Great Lakes shipping brought raw materials to Detroit and carried finished cars to customers. People moved to the city for factory jobs, increasing its population. The city's location and transportation routes helped its industry expand.
- ③ California's Central Valley became one of the nation's important farming regions during the 1900s. Its rich soil, warm growing season, and water for irrigation helped farmers raise fruit, vegetables, and nuts. Roads, railroads, and later refrigerated trucks moved fresh crops to distant markets. As cities grew, more people wanted food, so farms in the valley expanded production.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Locate Chicago by naming its state. What industrial activities are named there?

2 How did transportation and population help Chicago grow?

3 What raw materials did Detroit factories need, and how did transportation help the automobile industry?

4 Locate the Central Valley by naming its state. Explain two factors that helped farming grow there.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a real U.S. agricultural or industrial location that is not named in the passage. Write exactly three sentences that name the place and state, tell what it produces or makes, and explain two factors that helped it grow.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each place where farming or industry grew. Circle words or phrases that show a resource, transportation route, or population change, so you can explain why each place grew. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Locate Chicago by naming its state. What industrial activities are named there?	Chicago is in Illinois. Meatpacking plants and steel mills are named as industries there.
2	How did transportation and population help Chicago grow?	Railroads and water routes moved grain and connected Chicago to other places. Its growing population provided workers and buyers for goods.
3	What raw materials did Detroit factories need, and how did transportation help the automobile industry?	Detroit factories needed iron, coal, and rubber. Rail lines and Great Lakes shipping brought materials in and carried finished cars to customers.
4	Locate the Central Valley by naming its state. Explain two factors that helped farming grow there.	The Central Valley is in California. Rich soil, a warm growing season, and irrigation water helped crops grow. Transportation and growing demand for food also helped farms expand.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Houston, Texas, is an industrial center with oil refineries and chemical plants. Nearby oil and natural gas provide important resources for these industries. The Port of Houston and railroads help bring materials in and move products to customers.

Accept equivalent wording for the passage questions when students correctly connect a location with resources, transportation, or population. For the open response, accept other accurate U.S. locations if all three required sentences and two growth factors are included.