

Map Clue Detectives

Use political and physical clues to locate Canada and Quebec.

SS6G4.b "Locate on a world and regional political-physical map Canada and the province of Quebec."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each mention of Canada or Quebec, and circle every clue that helps you place either one, such as a neighbor, ocean, or river. Then use the teacher-supplied world political-physical map and regional political-physical map to test the clues as you read.

Clues on Two Maps

- ① To locate a place, begin with the map that shows the largest area. On a world political-physical map, find North America. Canada is the large country in the northern part of that continent. The United States lies directly south of Canada. Canada reaches from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the Pacific Ocean in the west, while the Arctic Ocean is north. These borders and water bodies help you confirm that you have found Canada correctly on your map.
- ② Next, use a regional political-physical map of Canada to narrow your search. Quebec is a province in eastern Canada. Its western neighbor is Ontario, and the United States is south of Quebec. The St. Lawrence River crosses southern Quebec and leads toward the Atlantic Ocean. This river is a useful physical clue. Provincial boundary lines and the name Quebec are political clues, so use both kinds of clues before you label the province on the map.
- ③ Finding Canada and Quebec takes more than spotting a familiar name. Check a place with nearby political and physical features. On the world map, the country should be north of the United States and within North America. On the regional map, Quebec should be inside Canada, east of Ontario, and near the St. Lawrence River. A map label is strongest when its position agrees with several clues. This careful checking can prevent a misplaced label.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which map gives you the best starting view for locating Canada, and why?

2 What political clue tells you where to look for Canada on a world map?

3 What is one political clue and one physical clue you can use to check Quebec's location?

4 After you locate Quebec on a regional map, is it east or west of Ontario?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the teacher-supplied maps. On the world map, circle and label Canada. On the regional map, outline and label Quebec, then draw a line to the St. Lawrence River. On the lines, write two sentences explaining how political and physical clues helped you check your labels.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each mention of Canada or Quebec, and circle every clue that helps you place either one, such as a neighbor, ocean, or river. Then use the teacher-supplied world political-physical map and regional political-physical map to test the clues as you read. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which map gives you the best starting view for locating Canada, and why?	A world political-physical map, because it shows North America and Canada in the northern part of the continent.
2	What political clue tells you where to look for Canada on a world map?	The United States lies directly south of Canada.
3	What is one political clue and one physical clue you can use to check Quebec's location?	Political clue: Ontario is west of Quebec, or the United States is south of Quebec. Physical clue: the St. Lawrence River crosses southern Quebec.
4	After you locate Quebec on a regional map, is it east or west of Ontario?	Quebec is east of Ontario.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I used Canada's border with the United States to check the country on the world map. I used Quebec's position east of Ontario and the St. Lawrence River to check the province on the regional map.

Accept equivalent location clues stated in the passage. For Question 3, accept Ontario to the west, the United States to the south, provincial boundaries, or the Quebec name as political clues, and accept the St. Lawrence River as the physical clue.