Land and Sea

Locate North American countries and bordering oceans.

2.SS.2.1.c "locating the countries of North America and the bordering oceans;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each country name and circle each ocean name in the passage. At the first mention of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, write 1, 2, and 3 to show their order from north to south.

Across North America

1. Imagine a trip across North America. The United States lies between Canada and Mexico. Canada is north of the United States, and Mexico is south of it. These three countries make a north-to-south chain on the mainland.

2. North America has more countries, too. Countries in Central America lie south of Mexico. Island countries in the Caribbean lie east of Central America. The words north, south, east, and west help us describe where places are.

3. Now think about the edges of North America. The Pacific Ocean is to the west. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east. The Arctic Ocean is to the north of Canada. These oceans help us tell where the land ends.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which country lies between Canada and Mexico?

2. Where are the countries of Central America compared with Mexico?

3. Which ocean is west of North America, which is east, and which is north of Canada?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw your own simple map of North America. Label Canada, the United States, and Mexico from north to south, then label the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and the Arctic Ocean to the north.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

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PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country lies between Canada and Mexico?	**The United States.**
2	Where are the countries of Central America compared with Mexico?	**South of Mexico.**
3	Which ocean is west of North America, which is east, and which is north of Canada?	**The Pacific Ocean is west, the Atlantic Ocean is east, and the Arctic Ocean is north of Canada.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A sketch shows Canada above the United States and Mexico below it. The Arctic Ocean is above Canada, the Pacific Ocean is left of the land, and the Atlantic Ocean is right of the land.

Accept simple sketches that place the three countries in the correct north-to-south order and the three oceans on the correct sides. Artistic detail is not needed.