Land and Water

Identify named features on a trip across the United States.

2.SS.2.1.e "identifying major rivers, mountain ranges, lakes, and other physical features;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the names of the rivers, mountain range, lake, and canyon in the passage. Write R, M, L, or C above each name to show what kind of feature it is.

A Trip Across the Land

1. Imagine visiting land and water places across the United States. At one stop, you see the Mississippi River. Its water moves between two banks. Boats travel on this long river, which flows toward the Gulf of Mexico.

2. At another stop, you reach Lake Superior. This lake is so wide that you cannot see across it from many places on shore. Far to the west, the Rocky Mountains form a long range of high peaks.

3. In Arizona, you stand beside the Grand Canyon. A canyon is a deep valley with steep sides. The Colorado River flows along the bottom. Over a very long time, moving water helped cut into rock and shape this huge valley.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which river has boats traveling on it?

2. Which mountain range has high peaks?

3. Which lake is so wide that you cannot see across it from many places on shore?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a place with a river, a mountain range, and a lake. Make up a new name for each feature and label it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the names of the rivers, mountain range, lake, and canyon in the passage. Write R, M, L, or C above each name to show what kind of feature it is. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which river has boats traveling on it?	**The Mississippi River.**
2	Which mountain range has high peaks?	**The Rocky Mountains.**
3	Which lake is so wide that you cannot see across it from many places on shore?	**Lake Superior.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A drawing shows a winding river labeled Pine River, a group of peaks labeled Eagle Mountains, and a lake labeled Blue Lake.

For the marking job, accept R for the Mississippi River and Colorado River, M for the Rocky Mountains, L for Lake Superior, and C for the Grand Canyon. Accept any original names in the drawing if all three features are shown and labeled.