Places Along the Way

Use location clues to connect states, capitals, and territories.

5.SS.2.3 "Name and locate the 50 States and their Capitals, and United States Territories."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each state name, circle its capital, and draw a box around each U.S. territory name. Use the nearby location clues to find these places as you answer the questions.

A Trip Across the United States

1. Imagine a drive that begins near the Pacific Ocean. Washington has Olympia as its capital, and Oregon, just south of Washington, has Salem. South of Oregon lies California, whose capital is Sacramento. Travel east from California into Nevada, where Carson City is the capital. Utah lies east of Nevada, with Salt Lake City as its capital. Arizona, south of Utah, has Phoenix as its capital.

2. Now follow a route farther inland. Colorado lies east of Utah, and Denver is its capital. Kansas lies east of Colorado, and its capital is Topeka. Missouri is east of Kansas, with Jefferson City as its capital. Illinois lies east of Missouri, with Springfield as its capital. Indiana is east of Illinois, with Indianapolis as its capital. Ohio is east of Indiana, with Columbus as its capital.

3. The United States also includes territories, which are not states. Puerto Rico lies in the Caribbean Sea, and San Juan is its capital. The U.S. Virgin Islands lie east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean. Far across the Pacific Ocean, Guam has Hagåtña as its capital. The Northern Mariana Islands lie north of Guam, and Saipan is their capital. American Samoa lies in the South Pacific, far south of Guam.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which state lies just south of Washington, and what is its capital?

2. Travel east from Colorado into Kansas. What is the capital of each state?

3. Which U.S. territory lies east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean? What is Puerto Rico's capital?

4. Which U.S. territory lies north of Guam, and what is its capital?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a four-sentence travel note. In your first three sentences, travel west to east through three states not named in the questions and pair each state with its capital. In your last sentence, name a territory not named in the questions and locate it using a clue from the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each state name, circle its capital, and draw a box around each U.S. territory name. Use the nearby location clues to find these places as you answer the questions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which state lies just south of Washington, and what is its capital?	**Oregon; Salem.**
2	Travel east from Colorado into Kansas. What is the capital of each state?	**Colorado: Denver. Kansas: Topeka.**
3	Which U.S. territory lies east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean? What is Puerto Rico's capital?	**The U.S. Virgin Islands; San Juan.**
4	Which U.S. territory lies north of Guam, and what is its capital?	**The Northern Mariana Islands; Saipan.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I start in California, whose capital is Sacramento. Next I head east to Nevada, whose capital is Carson City. Farther east I enter Utah, whose capital is Salt Lake City. American Samoa is a U.S. territory in the South Pacific, far south of Guam.

Accept any three eligible states in west-to-east order with their correct capitals. The final sentence must name American Samoa and locate it in the South Pacific or south of Guam.