Follow the Symbols

Use map notes to locate natural and government places.

3.G.1 "Use labels and symbols to locate and identify physical and political features on maps and globes."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each map symbol next to a place name, then underline the place name that follows it to match symbols with labels.

Lena's Map Guide

1. Lena makes a word guide for her cousin, who cannot see her map. Her guide has a key: ~ stands for a river, ▲ stands for mountains, and ★ stands for a state capital. Rivers and mountains are physical features. A state capital is a political feature because it is a place where a state government meets. Lena copies labels and symbols into her guide.

2. Lena starts at the Pacific Ocean, west of Washington and Oregon. She writes ▲ Cascade Range because the mountain chain runs through both states. Next she writes ~ Columbia River. For part of its path, this river makes the border between Washington and Oregon. It flows west into the Pacific Ocean. The map labels Washington north of Oregon, so Lena knows which state she is reading about.

3. Now Lena looks for government places. She writes ★ Olympia, the capital of Washington, and ★ Salem, the capital of Oregon. Olympia is in Washington, north of the Columbia River. Salem is in Oregon, south of the river. The star is not a mountain peak in her key. It points to a capital. Lena checks the labels so she does not mix up the two cities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which symbol and label locate the mountain chain in both Washington and Oregon?

2. Which symbol and label locate the river that forms part of the border between Washington and Oregon?

3. Which symbol and label locate the capital in the state north of Oregon?

4. A friend thinks ★ Salem marks a mountain. Use the key and a location clue to correct your friend.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a map of an imaginary island. Label two physical features and two political features, add symbols and a key, then write one sentence telling where one feature is compared with another.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each map symbol next to a place name, then underline the place name that follows it to match symbols with labels. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which symbol and label locate the mountain chain in both Washington and Oregon?	**▲ Cascade Range**
2	Which symbol and label locate the river that forms part of the border between Washington and Oregon?	**~ Columbia River**
3	Which symbol and label locate the capital in the state north of Oregon?	**★ Olympia**
4	A friend thinks ★ Salem marks a mountain. Use the key and a location clue to correct your friend.	**★ Salem marks Oregon's state capital, south of the Columbia River.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sample map: Inside an island outline, ▲ Blue Ridge is north of ~ Willow River. ● Lake Town is west of the river, and ★ Birch City is east of it. Key: ▲ = mountains, ~ = river, ● = town, ★ = city. Sentence: Lake Town is west of Willow River.

Accept drawings with two labeled natural features, two labeled towns or cities, symbols explained in a key, and a sentence that matches the features' positions on the drawing.