Build a Midwest Map

Use clues about neighbors and water to place map labels.

3.G.2 "Label a map of the Midwest, identifying states, major rivers, lakes, and the Great Lakes."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each state name, circle each named lake, and number the three different rivers where they first appear. These marks will help you find places to label on your map.

A Trip Across the Midwest

1. Imagine taking a trip across the Midwest with a blank sheet of paper. Start in Iowa. Illinois is east of Iowa, across the Mississippi River. Wisconsin is north of Illinois, and Minnesota is west of Wisconsin. Michigan is east of Wisconsin, across Lake Michigan. Indiana sits east of Illinois, and Ohio sits east of Indiana. These state names help you build a map one neighbor at a time.

2. Water gives your map more clues. Lake Superior touches northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Lake Michigan touches Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Lake Huron touches eastern Michigan, while Lake Erie touches northern Ohio. These four lakes are part of the Great Lakes. A smaller lake, Lake Winnebago, lies inside Wisconsin. On a sketch, place a lake beside a state if they share a shore.

3. Rivers can mark long borders, too. The Mississippi River flows past the eastern edge of Iowa and the western edge of Illinois. The Missouri River follows part of Iowa's western edge before it crosses Missouri. The Ohio River runs along the southern edge of Illinois and Indiana. At the southern tip of Illinois, the Ohio River joins the Mississippi River. A river label belongs on its path, not inside a state.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which state would you label west of Wisconsin?

2. Which two Great Lakes would you label along Wisconsin's shores?

3. Which lake would you label inside Wisconsin?

4. Which river would you label along the southern edge of Indiana?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In the box, draw a simple map with Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin in the places described. Label the three states, the Mississippi River, Lake Michigan, and Lake Winnebago in their correct places.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each state name, circle each named lake, and number the three different rivers where they first appear. These marks will help you find places to label on your map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which state would you label west of Wisconsin?	**Minnesota.**
2	Which two Great Lakes would you label along Wisconsin's shores?	**Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.**
3	Which lake would you label inside Wisconsin?	**Lake Winnebago.**
4	Which river would you label along the southern edge of Indiana?	**The Ohio River.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A sketch places Iowa west of Illinois and Wisconsin north of Illinois. It labels the Mississippi River between Iowa and Illinois, Lake Michigan east of Wisconsin and beside northeastern Illinois, and Lake Winnebago inside Wisconsin.

Accept a rough sketch if the states and bodies of water have the correct relative positions. The Mississippi River should be between Iowa and Illinois, not drawn inside either state.