Midwest Map Clues

Mark location clues, build a grid map, and find communities.

3.G.3 "Identify the local and regional communities, including Indiana and other Midwestern states, on maps using simple grid systems."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each different state name once in paragraph 2 and underline the clues that tell where the states go. Use your marks to draw the map in Part 3 before answering Part 2.

A Trip Across the Grid

1. Imagine planning a bus trip across the Midwest. A map grid helps us say where a place is. Its columns have letters from left to right, and its rows have numbers from top to bottom. For our class map, use four columns, A through D, and three rows, 1 through 3. Each square has one letter and one number.

2. Put Indiana in column C, row 2. Illinois sits just west of Indiana, and Ohio sits just east of it. Michigan is in the square right above Indiana. Wisconsin goes in the square above Illinois. Iowa goes in the square west of Illinois. Our little grid is a guide to locations, not a picture of each state's exact shape.

3. Now zoom in on Indiana. Indianapolis is a city in that state, so a dot for it belongs inside Indiana's square. A dot can stand for a community on a small map. It does not fill the whole square. On a bigger map of Indiana, you could find room for more dots, including a dot for a community you know. The grid helps you tell others where to look.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Use the map you drew in Part 3. Which state is in square B1?

2. Which state is in square D2?

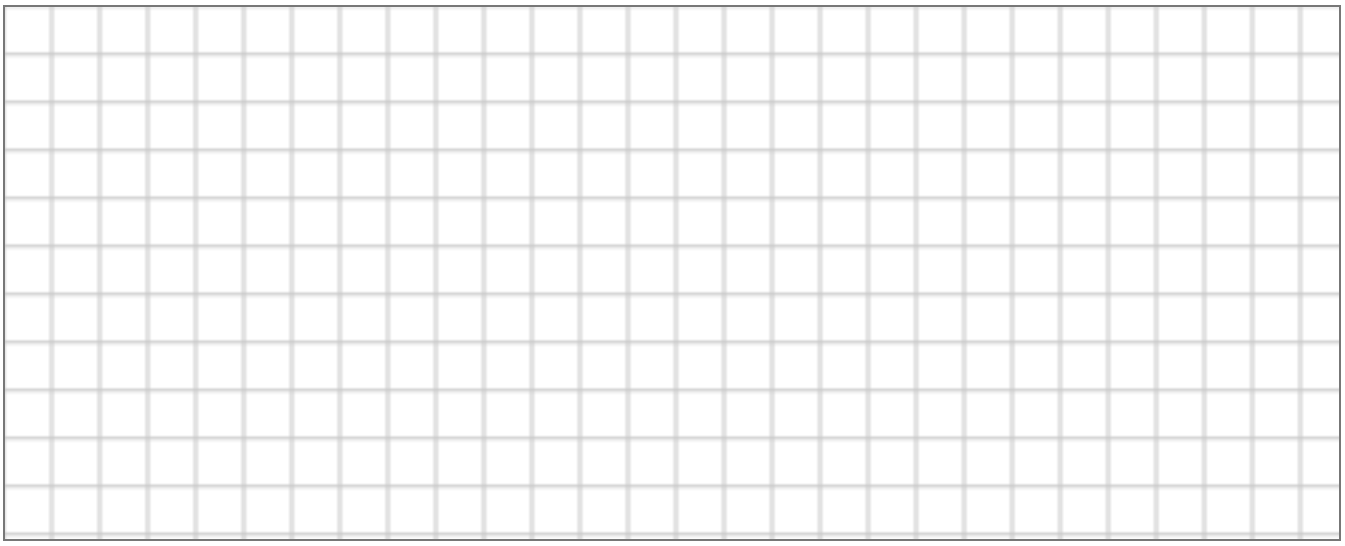
3. Which state is in square A2?

4. Which Indiana city did you mark with a dot in square C2?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

On the grid, label columns A through D and rows 1 through 3. Map the six states from the passage, add a labeled dot for Indianapolis, then add a labeled dot for another real Indiana community you know. Write one sentence giving that community's grid square.



ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each different state name once in paragraph 2 and underline the clues that tell where the states go. Use your marks to draw the map in Part 3 before answering Part 2. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use the map you drew in Part 3. Which state is in square B1?	**Wisconsin.**
2	Which state is in square D2?	**Ohio.**
3	Which state is in square A2?	**Iowa.**
4	Which Indiana city did you mark with a dot in square C2?	**Indianapolis.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

B1: Wisconsin. C1: Michigan. A2: Iowa. B2: Illinois. C2: Indiana, with separate labeled dots for Indianapolis and Bloomington. D2: Ohio. Bloomington is in square C2.

Accept any real Indiana community for the student's second dot if it is placed in C2 and named in the sentence. The grid shows general locations, not exact state shapes or city positions.