Across State Lines

Compare Indiana's land and water with its neighbors.

3.G.6 "Compare and contrast the physical characteristics of Indiana to neighboring states using words, illustrations, maps, photographs, and other resources."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two places where Indiana and a neighbor have a physical feature in common. Circle two places where their features differ, and write the neighbor's name beside each mark.

What Changes at the Border?

1. Imagine driving north across Indiana toward Michigan. In northern Indiana, you can pass flat fields of corn and soybeans. Near its northwest corner, Indiana meets Lake Michigan. Michigan touches Lake Michigan, too. But Michigan has shores on four Great Lakes, while Indiana has a shore on only one. The two neighbors share a lake, yet their Great Lakes shorelines are not the same.

2. Head east from Indiana into Ohio. Both states have wide, flat areas where farmers grow crops. Yet not every part of either state is flat. Southern Indiana has wooded hills, and southeastern Ohio has hills, too. On a trip from a flat farm in northern Indiana to southeastern Ohio, the land could change from open fields to tree-covered slopes.

3. Travel west into Illinois and you may still see flat farm fields, just as you do in Indiana. Go south from Indiana instead, and you reach Kentucky across the Ohio River. Southern Indiana and parts of Kentucky both have hills. Eastern Kentucky has mountains, but Indiana does not. A route through these neighboring states can show both landforms that match and landforms that change.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are Indiana and Michigan different in the number of Great Lakes they touch?

2. What two kinds of land can you find in both Indiana and Ohio?

3. What might look alike on a drive from Indiana into Illinois?

4. How is eastern Kentucky's land different from Indiana's land?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw two panels showing a trip from Indiana to two different neighboring states. Label a land or water feature in each state, then write two sentences: one about a feature the states share and one about a difference.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two places where Indiana and a neighbor have a physical feature in common. Circle two places where their features differ, and write the neighbor's name beside each mark. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are Indiana and Michigan different in the number of Great Lakes they touch?	**Indiana touches one Great Lake. Michigan touches four.**
2	What two kinds of land can you find in both Indiana and Ohio?	**Both states have flat farming areas and hills.**
3	What might look alike on a drive from Indiana into Illinois?	**You might see flat farm fields in both states.**
4	How is eastern Kentucky's land different from Indiana's land?	**Eastern Kentucky has mountains, but Indiana does not.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Indiana and Illinois, with flat farm fields labeled in both. Panel 2: Indiana with wooded hills and eastern Kentucky with mountains. Indiana and Illinois both have flat farm fields. Eastern Kentucky has mountains, but Indiana does not.

Accept accurate comparisons supported by the passage. For the open task, check that the panels use two different neighboring states and that the sentences describe one shared feature and one difference.