Indiana Place Clues

Use borders, cities, and rivers to describe locations.

4.G.2 "Locate Indiana on a map as one of the 50 United States. Identify and describe the location of the state capital, major cities, and rivers in Indiana."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell where Indiana and its cities are. Circle the state capital and box each river name.

Finding Your Way in Indiana

1. Imagine tracing a trip across the United States with your finger. Indiana is one of the 50 states, in the Midwest. On a U.S. map, look for it south of Michigan, north of Kentucky, east of Illinois, and west of Ohio. A small part of Indiana's northwest edge meets Lake Michigan. These neighbors help you find Indiana even when state names are missing.

2. Indianapolis, the state capital, lies near the center of Indiana. The White River runs through the city. From Indianapolis, a traveler going northwest can reach Gary, a city near Lake Michigan and the Illinois border. Traveling northeast instead leads to Fort Wayne, a major city in northeastern Indiana. These directions turn city names into places you can picture.

3. Rivers also give travelers clues. The Ohio River runs along Indiana's southern edge, separating much of Indiana from Kentucky. The Wabash River crosses western Indiana and forms part of the border with Illinois. Evansville, a major city in southwestern Indiana, sits on the Ohio River. Together, the cities and rivers show how places in Indiana connect, from its lake shore to its southern border.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which state is east of Indiana, and which state is west of it?

2. Where is Indiana's capital within the state, and which river runs through it?

3. Which major city can a traveler reach by going northwest from Indianapolis? What lake is near that city?

4. Which river forms part of Indiana's border with Illinois?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences guiding a traveler who enters Indiana from Michigan and visits Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Evansville in that order. Use at least two direction words and name the river beside Evansville.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell where Indiana and its cities are. Circle the state capital and box each river name. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which state is east of Indiana, and which state is west of it?	**Ohio is east of Indiana, and Illinois is west of it.**
2	Where is Indiana's capital within the state, and which river runs through it?	**Indianapolis is near the center of Indiana, and the White River runs through it.**
3	Which major city can a traveler reach by going northwest from Indianapolis? What lake is near that city?	**The traveler can reach Gary, which is near Lake Michigan.**
4	Which river forms part of Indiana's border with Illinois?	**The Wabash River.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Enter Indiana from Michigan and travel toward Fort Wayne in the northeast. Go southwest to Indianapolis near the center of the state. Continue southwest to Evansville beside the Ohio River.

Accept routes that place Fort Wayne in northeastern Indiana, Indianapolis near the center, and Evansville in the southwest beside the Ohio River. The first travel direction may vary depending on where the traveler enters from Michigan.