Places Across Time

Compare historical and modern map evidence from three regions

7.G.3 "Use historical and modern maps to identify changes in Africa, Asia, and the Southwest Pacific over time, highlighting physical and human systems."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage and map notes. For one region, underline a physical feature in each map note, circle a human feature in each note, and write 1 beside the older note and 2 beside the recent note so you can compare them.

What Changed on the Map?

1. A map records a place at one time, not forever. To spot change, compare maps of the same place from different years. Separate physical features from human features. A mountain symbol shows land shaped by nature; a school symbol shows a place people built. The notes below record labels and shapes from paired maps.

2. Each pair focuses on the same area, but the dates are decades apart. The African maps focus on the Nile near Aswan. The Asian maps show the Aral Sea and the town of Aralsk. The Southwest Pacific maps focus on Port Moresby, a city in Papua New Guinea. Read each pair across, not down.

NOTES RECORDED FROM HISTORICAL AND MODERN MAPS

Region and place	Older map notes	Recent map notes
Africa: Aswan, Egypt	1950: Nile flows past Aswan; Aswan is marked; no large reservoir is shown.	2020: Lake Nasser extends south of Aswan; Aswan and the Aswan High Dam are marked.
Asia: Aral Sea	1960: One large Aral Sea reaches near Aralsk; Aralsk is marked as a port.	2020: The sea is much smaller and split into separate parts; Aralsk is marked inland, away from the shore.
Southwest Pacific: Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	1950: Harbor coastline and a small built-up area near the port are shown.	2020: The same general harbor coastline and a larger built-up area extending inland are shown.

3. These map notes show selected features, not every detail a full map could show. A feature missing from a note may still exist in the area. Treat words such as "larger" as comparisons at the scale of these maps. When you explain a change, name both dates and point to the mapped evidence that supports your claim.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Compare the 1950 and 2020 Aswan map notes. What changed in the mapped water, and what human-built feature appears in 2020?

2. How did Aralsk's mapped position relative to the Aral Sea change between 1960 and 2020?

3. Compare the Port Moresby map notes. Which physical feature stays about the same, and which human feature changes?

4. Across all three regions, which map pair shows a new large body of water, which shows a shrinking body of water, and which shows a generally stable coastline?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one place in the map notes. Sketch a simple older map and recent map in the two panels, label at least one physical feature and one human feature in each, then write one sentence explaining a change or something that stayed about the same.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage and map notes. For one region, underline a physical feature in each map note, circle a human feature in each note, and write 1 beside the older note and 2 beside the recent note so you can compare them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Compare the 1950 and 2020 Aswan map notes. What changed in the mapped water, and what human-built feature appears in 2020?	**The 1950 note shows the Nile without a large reservoir; the 2020 note shows Lake Nasser and marks the Aswan High Dam.**
2	How did Aralsk's mapped position relative to the Aral Sea change between 1960 and 2020?	**Aralsk was marked as a port near the sea in 1960. It was marked inland, away from the smaller sea, in 2020.**
3	Compare the Port Moresby map notes. Which physical feature stays about the same, and which human feature changes?	**The general harbor coastline stays about the same. The built-up area grows and extends inland.**
4	Across all three regions, which map pair shows a new large body of water, which shows a shrinking body of water, and which shows a generally stable coastline?	**The Aswan pair shows a new large reservoir, the Aral Sea pair shows a shrinking sea, and the Port Moresby pair shows a generally stable harbor coastline.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Older panel, 1950 Port Moresby: a labeled harbor coastline beside a small shaded built-up area labeled "port area." Recent panel, 2020 Port Moresby: the same general harbor coastline beside a larger shaded built-up area labeled "city," extending inland. From 1950 to 2020, the mapped built-up area spread inland while the general harbor coastline stayed about the same.

For the sketch task, accept simplified maps that match the notes, show both dates, and label physical and human features in each panel. The sentence should make a comparison supported by those features.