

Riverbend Choices

Read how land, water, and climate shape a village.

3.3a "Geographic factors influence where people settle and their lifestyle. Some geographic factors make a location more suitable for settlement, while others act as deterrents."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each geographic factor that makes Riverbend a good place to settle. Circle each geographic factor that can make settlement harder.

Living at Riverbend

- ① Imagine Riverbend, a small village beside a wide river. The land near the river is flat, and its rich soil helps people grow beans, corn, and vegetables. The river gives families water and a way to travel by boat. A nearby forest provides wood for building and cooking. These geographic factors help make Riverbend a useful place to settle.
- ② Riverbend also has challenges. During the rainy season, heavy rain can make the river rise and flood low land. Floodwater can spoil gardens and enter homes. The hot, wet weather also brings many mosquitoes. These factors can keep some people from settling near the river. Families who live there build houses on tall posts so floodwater can move underneath.
- ③ Village life changes with the seasons. Before the rainy season, people move tools and food to high shelves in their houses. They plant gardens on land that is less likely to flood. When rain makes paths muddy, many families use boats to visit neighbors or carry goods. By changing their homes, gardens, and travel, people adapt to Riverbend's river and climate.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two geographic factors that help make Riverbend a good place to settle.

2 What happens during the rainy season that can make settlement harder?

3 How do families change their homes to deal with flooding?

4 How does rainy weather change the way many families travel?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine your family is deciding whether to settle in Riverbend. Write three sentences that tell one reason to settle there, one challenge, and one way your family could adapt. Use details from the passage.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each geographic factor that makes Riverbend a good place to settle. Circle each geographic factor that can make settlement harder. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two geographic factors that help make Riverbend a good place to settle.	Any two: flat land, rich soil, the river for water, the river for boat travel, or the nearby forest for wood.
2	What happens during the rainy season that can make settlement harder?	Heavy rain can make the river rise and flood low land. Floodwater can spoil gardens and enter homes.
3	How do families change their homes to deal with flooding?	They build houses on tall posts so floodwater can move underneath.
4	How does rainy weather change the way many families travel?	Rain can make paths muddy, so many families use boats to visit neighbors or carry goods.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My family may settle in Riverbend because the rich soil can help us grow food. Heavy rain can flood low land, so settling there can be hard. We could build our house on tall posts so floodwater can move underneath.

Accept any accurate helpful factor, challenge, and adaptation stated in the passage. For the open response, accept three sentences that include one settlement benefit, one deterrent, and a matching or reasonable passage-based adaptation.