# Map Detective

Sort map features and choose a map for a purpose.

**1.C.3.2** "Describe the difference between physical and political maps and how each can be used to inform us about the world."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 MAP CLUES

(a)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| river | city | state |

(b)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| lake | mountain | county |

## 2 CHOOSE A MAP

(a)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| physical | political | both |

(b)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| physical | political | both |

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 1 · 1.C.3.2**

## HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the directions and choices aloud. Listen for each student to explain the difference between the maps using the words they circled, and record any support given separately from accuracy.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

## PART 1 · MAP CLUES

**SAY** "A physical map shows things in nature, such as forests. A political map shows named areas and their borders, such as provinces. Circle one word in each row. Then use the words you circled to tell me how the maps are different."

| ROW | SAY | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|---|---|---|
| a | River, city, state. Which is a thing in nature you could find on a physical map? Circle one word. | **river** |
| b | Lake, mountain, county. Which is a named area with borders you could find on a political map? Circle one word. | **county** |

## PART 2 · CHOOSE A MAP

**SAY** "Now think about what you want to find. I will read the map choices. Circle the map that is made to help you find it."

| ROW | SAY | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|---|---|---|
| a | Physical, political, both. Which map is made to show the lines between states? Circle one. | **political** |
| b | Physical, political, both. Which map is made to show where mountains are? Circle one. | **physical** |

## WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept an oral explanation such as, "A physical map shows rivers. A political map shows counties and their borders." The map choices are political for state lines and physical for mountains.