Rivers and Roads

How people live near rivers

2.P.2.3 "Demonstrate a mastery of geographic concepts and the use of geographic tools to understand the impact of geography on the past and present. Ask and answer geographic questions..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of two rivers and circle two things people built. Write 1 beside a sentence that tells how something people built helps them.

Living by the Rivers

1. In New Bern, North Carolina, the Neuse River and Trent River meet. The rivers are wide and winding. The land beside them is low. When heavy rain falls, water can spread onto this land.

2. People built bridges over the rivers. The bridges connect roads on both sides of the water. People can cross without using a boat. Some people fish by the riverbank, but they watch for rising water after a storm.

3. Before a storm, families can check a flood map. It shows low places near the rivers that might get wet. Families may choose to go to higher ground. The rivers give people places to fish, while bridges help them travel.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do bridges help people in New Bern?

2. How can a flood map help a family before a storm?

3. How do the rivers help people, and what can happen when heavy rain falls?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a simple map of a community you know. Label one natural feature and one thing people built, then write one sentence explaining how the built thing helps people near that feature.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the names of two rivers and circle two things people built. Write 1 beside a sentence that tells how something people built helps them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do bridges help people in New Bern?	**Bridges let people cross the rivers without a boat.**
2	How can a flood map help a family before a storm?	**It shows low places that might flood, so the family can choose higher ground.**
3	How do the rivers help people, and what can happen when heavy rain falls?	**People can fish in the rivers. Heavy rain can make water spread onto the low land beside them.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The map shows a hill labeled “hill” and a road labeled “road” curving around it. The road goes around the hill so cars do not have to climb its steep side.

For the marking job, accept the Neuse River and Trent River, bridges and roads, and a sentence explaining how a bridge or flood map helps people. For the map, accept any clear natural feature, built feature, and accurate explanation of how they relate.