Find It There

Read for clues, then locate places on a political map.

4.C.2.3.A "Identify and locate on a political map the fifty states, the nation's capital and its most populated cities."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each state name in the passage, circle the nation's capital, and number the five most populated cities from 1 to 5 as they appear. Use a separate U.S. political map provided by your teacher to find the places you marked.

A Trip Across the Map

1. Imagine planning a trip across the United States. A political map shows the borders and names of all fifty states. Alaska lies northwest of Canada, away from the other states. Hawaii is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean. Washington, D.C., is the nation's capital, but it is not a state. It sits between Maryland and Virginia.

2. Big cities appear as dots on many political maps. New York City, the country's most populated city, is in New York state. Los Angeles, the second most populated city, is in California. Chicago is in Illinois, near Lake Michigan. Houston is in Texas, near the Gulf Coast. Phoenix is in Arizona, in the Southwest. These five are the country's most populated cities.

3. Use state borders to check which state contains each city. Florida is east of the Gulf of Mexico, while California touches the Pacific Ocean. Texas sits between New Mexico and Louisiana. If a city dot is hard to find, first find its state, then search inside the borders. A map key may explain what each dot means.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Find Chicago on your political map. Which state contains it?

2. Find Washington, D.C., on your political map. Which two states are beside it?

3. Find the second most populated city on your political map. What is its name, and which state contains it?

4. Find Texas on your political map. Which of the five cities named in the passage is there?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two states named in the passage that you did not give as answers to Questions 1 to 4. Use your political map to tell where each state is, and name one of the five cities located in one of them.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each state name in the passage, circle the nation's capital, and number the five most populated cities from 1 to 5 as they appear. Use a separate U.S. political map provided by your teacher to find the places you marked. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Find Chicago on your political map. Which state contains it?	**Illinois.**
2	Find Washington, D.C., on your political map. Which two states are beside it?	**Maryland and Virginia.**
3	Find the second most populated city on your political map. What is its name, and which state contains it?	**Los Angeles, California.**
4	Find Texas on your political map. Which of the five cities named in the passage is there?	**Houston.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Arizona is in the Southwest, and Phoenix is there. New York is in the Northeast.

Provide a separate U.S. political map labeled with states, Washington, D.C., and the five cities in the passage. For Part 3, accept accurate map locations for any two eligible states and a correctly paired city.