Capital Letter Quest

Find names that need capital letters in a park visit.

3.11.D.ix "capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each official title with a person's name, circle each holiday, and number each geographical name or place. These capital letters show special names.

Maya's Yellowstone Visit

1. On Saturday, Maya visited Yellowstone National Park with her uncle. At the visitor center, Ranger Elena Ortiz showed the group a map. She pointed to the Yellowstone River and said that hot water shapes the park's famous geysers. Maya wrote the names in her notebook so she could remember where she had traveled that day.

2. Later, Ranger Ortiz described a winter event in the park. Each year, families visit during the days around New Year's Day, a federal holiday. Maya learned that the park is mostly in Wyoming, but small parts reach Montana and Idaho. She wondered how snow changes the trails near the mountains each winter when cold weather arrives.

3. Before leaving, Maya thanked Ranger Ortiz for the tour. Her family planned to return on Memorial Day and camp near the river. Uncle Devon wanted to drive from their home in Boise, Idaho, to the park. Maya checked the map again and drew a star beside the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where waterfalls roar.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write the official title and name of the person who showed Maya's group a map.

2. Write the holiday Maya's family planned to celebrate at the park.

3. Write the full name of the park Maya visited.

4. Write the city and state where Uncle Devon lived.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a trip or celebration. Include an official title before a person's name, a holiday, and two geographical names or places. Capitalize each one correctly. Then check your draft's title, holiday, and place names. Keep or correct each capital letter and explain one decision.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each official title with a person's name, circle each holiday, and number each geographical name or place. These capital letters show special names. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write the official title and name of the person who showed Maya's group a map.	**Ranger Elena Ortiz**
2	Write the holiday Maya's family planned to celebrate at the park.	**Memorial Day**
3	Write the full name of the park Maya visited.	**Yellowstone National Park**
4	Write the city and state where Uncle Devon lived.	**Boise, Idaho**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mayor Tasha Green invited us to celebrate Labor Day at Lake Superior. We traveled from Duluth, Minnesota, and watched the sunset.

Draft check: Keep Mayor before Tasha Green, Labor Day as a holiday name, and Lake Superior, Duluth, and Minnesota as specific place names.

Accept answers that match the passage with correct capitalization and punctuation. For Part 3, accept any two sentences that correctly capitalize an official title with a name, a holiday, and at least two geographical names or places. Require a learner draft check with a reasoned keep-or-correct decision about capitalization of title/holiday/geographic names. A correct draft may need no change.