

Landmark Name Hunt

Read closely to identify major United States land and water features.

2.11.b "identifying major rivers, mountain ranges, lakes, and other physical features in the United States."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each river, circle each mountain range, put a number beside each lake, and box the canyon name.

Features Across the United States

- ① The Colorado River begins in the Rocky Mountains and flows through the Southwest. In Arizona, it helped carve the Grand Canyon over a very long time. A canyon is a deep valley with steep sides. These features show how water and land can shape places.
- ② The Mississippi River carries water south across the middle of the country. The Sierra Nevada is a mountain range in California. Lake Superior holds fresh water near the border with Canada. Each name tells about a different kind of United States feature.
- ③ In the east, the Appalachian Mountains stretch from Alabama toward Canada. Lake Erie is one of the country's large lakes. People use rivers, lakes, mountains, and canyons to describe where places are. Learning their names helps people talk about the land.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1

Which river helped carve the Grand Canyon?

2

What mountain range is in California?

3

Write the name of one lake and the name of the canyon from the passage.

3

YOUR TURN

Your own words

First locate the United States on the world map or globe your teacher supplies. Then use the supplied detailed physical map to find one river, one mountain range, one lake, and one canyon from the passage. Point to each for your teacher. Record each name, type, and map location, such as its state or region, in the table.

FEATURE NAME	FEATURE TYPE	MAP LOCATION

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each river, circle each mountain range, put a number beside each lake, and box the canyon name. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which river helped carve the Grand Canyon?	The Colorado River.
2	What mountain range is in California?	The Sierra Nevada.
3	Write the name of one lake and the name of the canyon from the passage.	Lake Superior or Lake Erie, and the Grand Canyon.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Example after locating these features on the supplied map:

FEATURE NAME	FEATURE TYPE	MAP LOCATION
Colorado River	river	Southwest
Rocky Mountains	mountain range	western United States
Lake Erie	lake	northern United States / Canada border
Grand Canyon	canyon	Arizona

Required: provide a world map or globe plus a readable United States physical map or atlas with the passage features labeled, including the Grand Canyon. Explain symbols and read labels as needed. Observe each learner locating the United States and pointing to four actual features, then check names, types and map-based locations. Accept other accurate selections; a memorized list alone is insufficient. For Question 3, either Lake Superior or Lake Erie plus Grand Canyon is correct.