

Waters Near and Far

Practice water-location clues, then map water near ancient Egypt.

3.3.a “identifying and locating major bodies of water;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each named major body of water and circle the words that tell where it is, so you can connect each water body to its location.

Water Bodies Around Us

- ① Major bodies of water help people describe where places are. Oceans are the largest bodies of salt water on Earth. The Pacific Ocean lies west of North and South America. It reaches east of Asia and Australia. A traveler sailing west from California enters the Pacific Ocean, while a traveler sailing east from Japan also enters this ocean.
- ② The Atlantic Ocean is east of North and South America. It is west of Europe and Africa. Across North America, the Gulf of Mexico is south of the United States and east of Mexico. This gulf is a large area of salt water connected to the Atlantic Ocean. Coastal communities use these waters for travel, fishing, and trade.
- ③ The Great Lakes are five connected freshwater lakes along the border of the United States and Canada. Lake Superior is the largest Great Lake by surface area. It is north of Wisconsin and Michigan. Lake Michigan is east of Wisconsin and west of Michigan. Unlike oceans and the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes contain fresh water, not salt water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which ocean would you enter by sailing west from California?

2 Where is the Atlantic Ocean in relation to Africa?

3 Which major body of water is south of the United States and east of Mexico?

4 Which Great Lake is north of Wisconsin and Michigan?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Ancient Egypt developed along the Nile River in northeastern Africa. The Nile flows north into the Mediterranean Sea. Use the world map and detailed Egypt map your teacher provides. Find Africa, Egypt, the Nile, and the Mediterranean. Point to each for your teacher. Write two sentences locating the river and sea using direction words and explaining which ancient society lived beside the river.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each named major body of water and circle the words that tell where it is, so you can connect each water body to its location. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which ocean would you enter by sailing west from California?	The Pacific Ocean.
2	Where is the Atlantic Ocean in relation to Africa?	The Atlantic Ocean is west of Africa.
3	Which major body of water is south of the United States and east of Mexico?	The Gulf of Mexico.
4	Which Great Lake is north of Wisconsin and Michigan?	Lake Superior.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Nile River runs through Egypt in northeastern Africa, where ancient Egyptians lived. It flows north into the Mediterranean Sea.

Keep accurate passage answers as location-clue practice. Required: supply readable world and Egypt physical maps with the Nile and Mediterranean labeled; explain that present country borders differ from ancient ones. Observe each learner finding Africa, Egypt, the river and sea before checking two location sentences. Names alone do not show map use. Support label reading and pointing. Source for ancient context: British Museum, Early Egypt.