

Globe Position Clues

Use oceans, continents, and directions to locate North America.

USI.1.a "locating North America in relation to the other continents and the oceans;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each ocean name, circle each continent name, and write a small arrow beside each direction word to show how North America is located.

Finding North America

- ① North America is one of Earth's continents. It is in the Northern Hemisphere, above the Equator. The Arctic Ocean is north of North America, where cold water stretches toward the North Pole. The Atlantic Ocean is east of the continent. The Pacific Ocean is west of it. These oceans help show North America's place on Earth.
- ② Europe is across the Atlantic Ocean, east of North America. Asia is across the Pacific Ocean, west of North America. On a globe, these large oceans separate North America from Europe and Asia. Looking at the ocean first, then the continent beyond it, helps you describe North America's location clearly. This comparison uses directions and nearby features.
- ③ South America is south of North America. A narrow land area in Panama connects the two continents. Africa is across the Atlantic Ocean to the southeast of North America. Australia is across the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. Antarctica is far south of North America, beyond South America and the Southern Ocean. Knowing several comparisons gives a fuller picture of the continent's global position.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which ocean is north of North America?

2 Which ocean would you cross to travel east from North America toward Europe?

3 How is Asia located in relation to North America? Include the ocean between them.

4 Which continent is southeast of North America, and which continent is southwest of North America?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write three location clues for someone finding North America on a globe. In each sentence, name North America, a different ocean or continent, and a direction word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each ocean name, circle each continent name, and write a small arrow beside each direction word to show how North America is located. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which ocean is north of North America?	The Arctic Ocean is north of North America.
2	Which ocean would you cross to travel east from North America toward Europe?	You would cross the Atlantic Ocean.
3	How is Asia located in relation to North America? Include the ocean between them.	Asia is west of North America, across the Pacific Ocean.
4	Which continent is southeast of North America, and which continent is southwest of North America?	Africa is southeast of North America. Australia is southwest of North America.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

North America is south of the Arctic Ocean. Europe is east of North America across the Atlantic Ocean. South America is south of North America.

Accept accurate direction and location statements that use three different reference places. Direction wording may vary if the relationship is correct.