



# Elements on a Map

## Monday

1. Name the five elements that are shown on the map.

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2. What does the title tell you about the map?

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## Tuesday

1. How many states are part of the contiguous United States? Which states are not contiguous?

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2. Name the cardinal and intermediate directions shown on the compass rose.

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## Wednesday

1. What is another name for a legend? What kinds of things are shown on the legend?

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2. Name the two countries that border the United States. Which elements help to identify them?

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## Elements on a Map

### Thursday

1. Why is the inset map of North America included?

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2. Use the scale and a ruler to find the approximate distance from Denver to Lincoln. Measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

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### Friday

1. Use the scale and a ruler to find the approximate distance from Raleigh to Little Rock and then to Austin. Measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

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2. Use the scale and a ruler to find the approximate distance from the nation's capital to the capital of California. Measure to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

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### Challenge

Write two questions about the distance between capitals on the back of the map. Be sure to include the answers. Ask a classmate to solve the two problems.



# Parallels and Meridians

## Monday

1. Which imaginary line divides the Earth into south and north latitudes?  
What is its location?

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2. Which imaginary line divides the Earth into east and west longitudes?  
What is its location?

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## Tuesday

1. What is another name for lines of latitude? Do these lines run in a north-south or east-west direction?

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2. Write three facts about meridians.

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## Wednesday

1. Write this line of latitude in words— $15^{\circ}\text{N}$ . Name a continent on this parallel.

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2. Write this line of longitude in words— $15^{\circ}\text{E}$ . Name a continent on this meridian.

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# Parallels and Meridians

## Thursday

1. Lines of latitude are also called parallels. Why?

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2. Lines of longitude are not parallel to each other. Explain why.

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## Friday

1. Between which two parallels and which two meridians is the tip of Africa located?

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2. Are 15°N latitude and 75°E longitude locations in the continent of Asia or Europe?

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## Challenge

Write the following trick as a caption on the map page. Illustrate the caption to help you remember in which directions the parallels and meridians run.

- The lines of latitude, which sounds like “ladder,” lie like the rungs of a ladder.
- The lines of longitude are long and all run from the North Pole to the South Pole.



# The Four Hemispheres

## Monday

1. The equator divides the Earth into which two hemispheres?

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2. The prime meridian helps to divide the Earth into which two hemispheres?

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## Tuesday

1. North America is part of which two hemispheres?

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2. Is Australia part of the Northern and Western Hemispheres, or the Southern and Eastern Hemispheres?

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## Wednesday

1. Asia is located in which directions from the equator and from the prime meridian? In which hemispheres is Asia located?

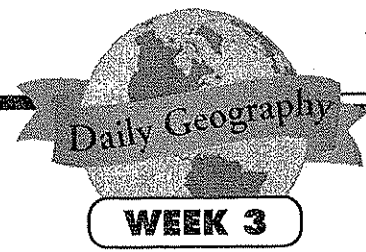
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2. Does the equator cross the northern or southern part of South America? South America is located mostly in which two hemispheres?

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# The Four Hemispheres

## Thursday

1. In which hemisphere is the North Pole located? Which ocean is closest to the North Pole?

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2. What is the only hemisphere in which Antarctica has no land?

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## Friday

1. Most geographers agree there are really five oceans. Name the five oceans. Which of the oceans is closest to Antarctica?

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2. Africa has land in both the Eastern and the Western Hemispheres. Africa is considered part of the Eastern Hemisphere. Why?

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## Challenge

Write a caption on the map, explaining which continents are considered part of the Eastern Hemisphere and which continents are considered part of the Western Hemisphere.



# A Map Grid and Index

## Monday

1. What is the grid location of Vinson Massif, the highest peak in Antarctica?

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2. Which island is located in grid squares C1 and C2?

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## Tuesday

1. Which sea is located at F3? Which sound is part of this sea?

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2. In which grid squares is the Amery Ice Shelf located?

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## Wednesday

1. The Transantarctic Mountains are located in how many grid squares?

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2. West Antarctica is bordered by which seas?

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# A Map Grid and Index

## Thursday

1. Which two ice shelves are the largest in Antarctica?

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2. Geographers have renamed the ocean that borders Antarctica the Southern Ocean. Which oceans make up the Southern Ocean?

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## Friday

1. Mountains separate East and West Antarctica. Which region is larger? How does the map grid help in knowing the size of the land area?

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2. The explorer Shackleton and his crew were stranded on Elephant Island. Elephant Island is located in which sea and in which grid square?

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## Challenge

Antarctica has more than 40 year-round scientific research stations. There are 22 countries that maintain year-round science research stations. The United States has three—the Amundsen-Scott Station, the McMurdo Station, and the Palmer Station.

Write the names of the three U.S. scientific research stations on the index. Write their grid locations beside them.





# Map Coordinates

## Monday

1. What two names are given for the lines that run around the Earth in an east-west direction?

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2. What two names are given for the lines that run around the Earth from the north to the south?

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## Tuesday

1. The map of Australia is shown on a geographic grid. What does that mean?

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2. Is it possible to find coordinates on the map of Australia? Why or why not?

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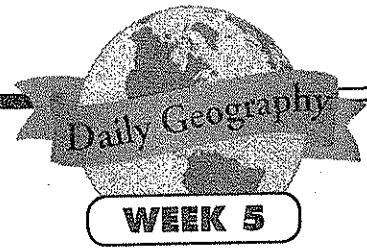
## Wednesday

1. Which states of Australia have land area along the latitude line of 30°S?

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2. Which state in Australia would include the coordinates 43°S latitude, 148°E longitude?

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# Map Coordinates

## Thursday

1. What is the capital of the Northern Territory? Estimate its coordinates.

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2. What is the name of Australia's national capital? Estimate its coordinates.

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## Friday

1. Which sea includes the coordinates 10°S, 130°E? Do the coordinates show the relative or absolute location of the sea?

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2. Why are all the lines of latitude labeled "S," and all the longitude lines labeled "E"?

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## Challenge

Complete this map index for the capitals of Australia. Give the coordinates for each capital. Remember that latitude comes first. The first coordinate address is marked for you.

Then cut out the map index and glue it to the back of the Australia map.

Adelaide . . . . . 35°S, 138°E

Hobart . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Brisbane . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Melbourne . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

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Perth . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Darwin . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Sydney . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_



# A Robinson Projection Map

## Monday

1. What is a system for mapping the round Earth on a flat surface called?

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2. What is another name for an oval-shaped projection map?

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## Tuesday

1. Name the parallels that are labeled north of the equator. What would be the next label after 75°N?

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2. What is the range of numbers along the lines of longitude or meridians?

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## Wednesday

1. Which continents have east longitude in their address?

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2. Most of the contiguous United States falls between which two lines of latitude? Hint: *Contiguous* means "touching on one or more sides."

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# A Robinson Projection Map

## Thursday

1. Is Central America on the same latitude as Africa, Australia, or South America?

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2. Which continent includes the coordinates of  $90^{\circ}\text{S}$  latitude,  $30^{\circ}\text{E}$  longitude?

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## Friday

1. Which of the five oceans is closest to  $90^{\circ}\text{N}$  latitude, and which one is closest to  $90^{\circ}\text{S}$  latitude?

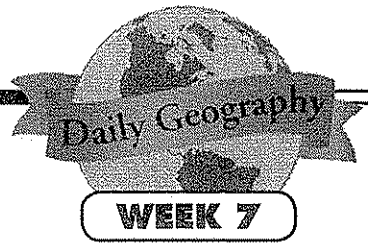
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2. Which U.S. state has an address of  $70^{\circ}\text{N}$  latitude,  $150^{\circ}\text{W}$  longitude?

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## Challenge

The equator divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The prime meridian helps to divide the Earth into the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. On the Robinson projection map, trace the equator line in the color red and the prime meridian line in the color green. Make a list on the map of the continents that are in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.



# A Mercator Projection Map

## Monday

1. What is a projection map?

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2. Does the Mercator projection more accurately show the size, shape, or the location of the continents on a map?

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## Tuesday

1. Do the land areas around the North and South Poles appear smaller or larger in size than they really are?

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2. Which continent appears much wider than it really is compared to the other continents?

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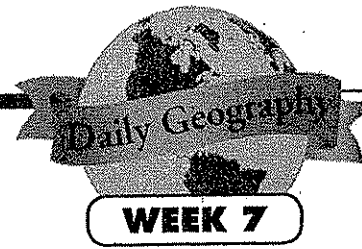
## Wednesday

1. Which continent includes the coordinates of 45°N latitude, 115°E longitude?

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2. Estimate the coordinates for the southern tip of Africa.

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# A Mercator Projection Map

## Thursday

1. Name all the labeled land and water areas that the equator crosses.

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2. The equator and the prime meridian meet in which ocean? Which continent is closest to this intersection?

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## Friday

1. Which state in the United States includes the coordinates of  $20^{\circ}\text{N}$  latitude,  $158^{\circ}\text{W}$  longitude?

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2. Which country includes the coordinates  $20^{\circ}\text{N}$  latitude,  $105^{\circ}\text{W}$  longitude?

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## Challenge

Australia is larger than Greenland. The land area of Australia is 2,978,147 square miles (7,713,365 sq. km). The land area of the island of Greenland is 836,330 square miles (2,166,085 sq. km).

Color Greenland and Australia on both the Mercator and the Robinson projection maps. Which projection shows the size of both continents more accurately? Write your answer on the Mercator projection map.



# A Polar Projection: The Arctic Region

## Monday

1. What is the center on the Arctic region polar projection map?

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2. On a polar projection, the latitude lines appear as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Tuesday

1. Which continents are included in the Arctic region?

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2. Which special line of latitude runs through northern Asia, northern Europe, and northern North America?

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## Wednesday

1. Name at least four labeled seas that are located within the Arctic Circle.

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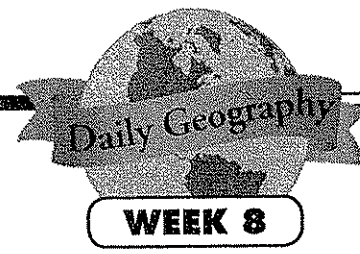
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2. Name at least four labeled countries that are located in the Arctic region.

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# A Polar Projection: The Arctic Region

## Thursday

1. A polar projection map is an equidistant projection. Do equidistant projections show distance and direction, or size and shape correctly?

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2. Which continent is located at 30°E longitude, and which continent is located at 150°W longitude?

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## Friday

1. Which country includes this address: 75°N, 120°W?

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2. What is the latitude of the northernmost point in the United States?

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## Challenge

Write two questions about the polar projection of the Arctic region on the back of the map. Be sure to include the answers. Ask a partner to solve the problems.





# Picturing North America

## Monday

1. When you picture a place in your mind, what kind of map are you making?

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2. Don't look at the map of North America. Which country is north of the U.S., and which country is south of the U.S.?

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## Tuesday

1. Look at the shape of the United States on the map. Name two states that border the Pacific Ocean.

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2. Look at the shape of the United States. Name two states that border Mexico.

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## Wednesday

1. Study the seven countries that make up Central America. Turn over the map and list as many as you can remember.

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2. Which large island is part of North America, but belongs to a country in Europe? The island territory belongs to which country?

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# Picturing North America

## Thursday

1. Picture Alaska within the borders of the contiguous United States. Is Alaska smaller, larger, or the same size as Texas?

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2. Which island that is labeled in the Greater Antilles is not a country, but rather a part of another country?

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## Friday

1. Study the Greater Antilles island nations. Turn over the map and name as many as you can remember.

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2. Study the waterways that are labeled on the map. Turn over the map and name as many as you can remember.

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## Challenge

Study the map of North America, making a mental picture of it. Turn the map over. On a blank piece of paper, draw a map sketch of North America. Remember to label as many countries and waterways as you can. Compare your sketch with the map.



# Picturing the World

## Monday

1. Look at the world map. Is it possible to find the absolute location or the relative location of the seven continents?

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2. Look at the world map. Turn it over and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

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## Tuesday

1. Which oceans border North America, and in which directions are they in relation to the continent?

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2. Which labeled seas border North America?

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## Wednesday

1. Why are the continents of Europe and Asia sometimes referred to as Eurasia?

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2. Which continent is called both a continent and a country? Which sea separates this area from New Zealand?

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# Picturing the World

## Thursday

1. Name all the labeled seas that lie on the east coast of Asia.

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2. The countries of Italy, India, and Japan are easy to picture due to their unique shapes. In which continents are they located?

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## Friday

1. Name two inland seas that are located in Europe. Name two seas in Europe that flow into an ocean.

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2. Name the labeled waterways that border Canada.

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## Challenge

Think about the relative locations and sizes of the continents, oceans, and seas. Turn over the map. On a blank piece of paper, draw the world map from memory. Label as many continents, oceans, and seas as you can remember. Compare your map sketch with the world map.



# A Road Map: Wyoming

## Monday

1. There are two major kinds of roads on the map. What are they called?

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2. Name the three interstate highways. Which interstate highway travels in an east-west direction across the state?

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## Tuesday

1. Name the cities that are along the north-south route of Interstates 25 and 90.

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2. At which city do Interstate 25 and Interstate 90 intersect? What is the marking called at this intersection?

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## Wednesday

1. Which direct route would a person travel from Casper to the Grand Teton National Park?

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2. Which two routes could a person take from Gillette to Sheridan?

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# A Road Map: Wyoming

## Thursday

1. Interstate highways usually have higher speed limits than U.S. highways. Which is the fastest route from Casper to Rawlins?

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2. Which highways' interchange is at Wyoming's capital?

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## Friday

1. Which highways connect with Yellowstone National Park?

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2. Using the scale, estimate the distance in miles of Interstate 80 within the borders of Wyoming.

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## Challenge

Make up two math problems using the map and map scale of Wyoming. Write your questions and answers on the back of the map. Ask a classmate to solve your problems.



# Chicago O'Hare International Airport

## Monday

1. Name at least five different modes of transportation at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

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2. How many terminals and concourses are located in the main connected part of the airport? Which terminal stands alone?

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## Tuesday

1. If a person were picking up a passenger at Terminal 3, would he or she take the Lower Road or the Upper Road?

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2. How does a person get from Concourse B to Concourse C in Terminal 1?

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## Wednesday

1. A person can drive on Interstate 190 to the airport. What other means of travel parallels the interstate highway?

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2. If a person were traveling out of Concourse L in Terminal 3 and through the pedestrian passages, which parking lot would he or she be closest to?

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# Chicago O'Hare International Airport

## Thursday

1. If a person wanted to rent a car at the airport, which means of travel would take him or her to the rental car lots?

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2. If the ATS train system can carry 2,400 passengers per hour, how many passengers could it carry in a 24-hour period?

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## Friday

1. In 2002, O'Hare served 66,565,952 domestic and international passengers. If there were 8,938,995 international passengers, how many domestic passengers were there?

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2. It only takes seven minutes for an ATS train to travel from Terminal 1 to Lot E. How many round trips can the train make in one hour?

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## Challenge

The following statistics show the number of passengers that have been served by O'Hare from 1998 through 2002.

Year	Total Number of Passengers
1998	72,485,218
1999	72,609,191
2000	72,144,244
2001	67,448,064
2002	66,565,952

Using these statistics, write two math problems on the back of the map. Be sure to include the answers. Then have a classmate solve the problems.





# A Physical Map: North America

## Monday

1. Name four kinds of landforms that are shown on the map.

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2. Name four kinds of waterways that are shown on the map.

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## Tuesday

1. Which mountain range is the largest in North America? It extends through which three countries in North America?

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2. Name the labeled oceans and seas that border North America. Which seas flow into the Atlantic Ocean?

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## Wednesday

1. Which two rivers in the U.S. make up the longest river system in North America?

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2. Which labeled landforms cover most of central Canada and the central United States?

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# A Physical Map: North America

## Thursday

1. Which two groups of islands are located in the Caribbean Sea?

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2. Name the labeled gulfs. Which one is the largest, and which one is connected by water to one of the Great Lakes?

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## Friday

1. What kind of landform is Baja California? Is it located in Mexico or the United States?

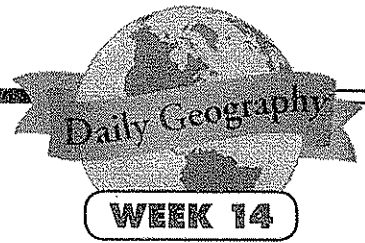
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2. Which U-shaped region of ancient rock curves around the Hudson Bay?

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## Challenge

On the map page, label the names of the five Great Lakes. Also, write the elevations for Mt. McKinley, the highest point, and Death Valley, the lowest point, on the map. Use a reference physical map to find the elevations.



# A Physical Map: South America

## Monday

1. Name the longest mountain range in South America and in the world.

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2. How many rivers are labeled on the map? Which river flows into the Caribbean Sea?

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## Tuesday

1. What is the name of the highest mountain in South America? What is its elevation?

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2. Where is the lowest elevation found? What is its elevation?

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## Wednesday

1. Which desert covers more land area in South America? The desert is located between which two landforms?

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2. Which river is the longest in South America? Which two rivers are tributaries of this river?

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# A Physical Map: South America

## Thursday

1. The Tierra del Fuego is an archipelago, or group of islands. They are located between which two labeled waterways?

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2. Name the islands that are labeled on the map. Give their locations in relation to Mount Aconcagua.

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## Friday

1. If a person sailed from the Falkland Islands to the Galápagos Islands, in which two ways could he or she travel?

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2. If a person sailed from Marajó Island to the Galápagos Islands, in which two ways could he or she travel?

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## Challenge

The Amazon Rainforest covers almost two million square miles (5.2 mil. sq. km) in the Amazon River Basin. About two-thirds of the rainforest lies in Brazil. The rainforest also lies in parts of Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela.

Color the Amazon Rainforest area on the map of South America. Use a reference physical map or other resource to help you.



# A Physical Map: Australia

## Monday

1. Australia is a large island continent. Which labeled oceans and seas surround the continent?

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2. Australia has four major deserts. Name them.

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## Tuesday

1. Which mountains are on the south end of the Great Dividing Range?

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2. Which labeled islands are part of the continent of Australia?

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## Wednesday

1. Which river is the longest in Australia? Where is it located?

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2. Name five inland waterways of Australia.

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# A Physical Map: Australia

## Thursday

1. What is the area on the map called that is a strip of water that connects the Tasman Sea with the Southern Ocean?

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2. What is the name of the long chain of coral reefs, and where is it located in Australia?

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## Friday

1. Name the two large areas of the ocean that are partly surrounded by land.

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2. Which landform is a high, broad, level plateau—the Barkly Tableland or the Great Artesian Basin?

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## Challenge

The lowest and highest points of Australia are labeled on the map. Find out the elevations of Lake Eyre and Mount Kosciuszko and write them on the map. Use a reference physical map to help you.



# Mountain Ranges of the World

## Monday

1. How many mountain ranges are shown on the map? Name the three that are in the Western Hemisphere.

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2. Name the five labeled mountain ranges in the Eastern Hemisphere.

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## Tuesday

1. Which mountain range is located in Africa? What is the name of the highest mountain in Africa, and where is it located?

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2. The highest mountain in the world is located in Asia. Name the mountain and mountain range in which it stands.

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## Wednesday

1. Which mountain range acts as a natural border between Europe and Asia?

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2. In Europe, the highest mountain is located in the Caucasus Mountains. Name this mountain.

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# Mountain Ranges of the World

## Thursday

1. North America has the Appalachians and the Rocky Mountains. It also has the Pacific Mountain System. Name at least three ranges in this system.

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2. Which of the world's highest peaks stand apart from the highest mountain ranges?

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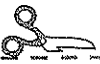
## Friday

1. What do these famous mountains have in common—Mount Etna in Sicily, Mount St. Helens in the U.S., and Mount Vesuvius in Italy?

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2. Which mountain range, above or below sea level, is the longest in the world—the Andes, the Rocky Mountains, or the Mid-Atlantic Ridge?

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## Challenge

Fill out this chart on the highest mountains on the seven continents. The first one has been done for you. Use other references to help you with the others. Cut out the chart and attach it to the back of the map.

Mountain	Location	Height in Feet and Meters
1. Mount Everest	Nepal / Tibet border	29,035 ft./8,850 m
2. Aconcagua	_____	_____
3. Mount McKinley	_____	_____
4. Kilimanjaro	_____	_____
5. Mount Elbrus	_____	_____
6. Vinson Massif	_____	_____
7. Mount Kosciuszko	_____	_____





# Deserts of the World

## Monday

1. Which deserts are located in the Western Hemisphere?

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2. Which desert is the largest in the world? In which continent is it located?

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## Tuesday

1. How many deserts are located in Asia? Which desert is located the farthest east in the area of China?

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2. Which desert is located on the smallest continent in the world?

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## Wednesday

1. Do most deserts receive, on average, less than 50 inches of rain, less than 10 inches of rain, or less than 1 inch of rain each year?

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2. Name four states that would be included in at least one of the North American deserts.

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# Deserts of the World

## Thursday

1. Name the desert that borders Africa and Asia.

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2. Which deserts are located in Chile and Argentina?

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## Friday

1. Most deserts are located near the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. Which parallel lies midway between these two lines?

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2. True or false?—Sand covers about 50 percent of most deserts. Support your answer.

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## Challenge

The Australian Desert actually consists of four deserts. Find out the names of these four deserts and add them to the list on the map. Use a reference physical map to help you.



# Rivers of the World

## Monday

1. How many rivers are labeled in the Western Hemisphere? Which river is the farthest north, and which river is the farthest south?

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2. The longest river in the United States is the Missouri River. Which river is the second longest in the U.S.?

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## Tuesday

1. The world's longest river is located in Africa and is 4,160 miles (6,695 km) long. Name this famous river.

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2. The world's second-longest river is the Amazon. In which continent is this 4,000-mile (6,437-km) river found?

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## Wednesday

1. Which river forms an international boundary between Mexico and the United States?

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2. Name the river that links the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean.

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# Rivers of the World

## Thursday

1. The world's fourth-longest river has large amounts of yellow silt that is deposited along its course. Name this river.

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2. Name the longest river in the European part of Russia.

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## Friday

1. Which river system in the United States can be called the third-longest river in the world?

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2. Where are the source and the mouth of the Mississippi River located?

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## Challenge

Find out the length of the four longest rivers in the world. Write the figures in both miles and kilometers on the map. Use additional references to help you.



# Regions of the United States

## Monday

1. The United States is divided into how many regions? Which region includes the most states?

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2. Alaska and Hawaii are part of which region? Why are they part of this region?

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## Tuesday

1. Which region could also be called the Midwest states?

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2. Which region is named for a major landform? Which states belong to this region?

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## Wednesday

1. If a region were named the Mexican Border region, which states would be included?

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2. The Great Lakes border two regions and two countries. Name them.

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# Regions of the United States

## Thursday

1. Rank the six regions from largest to smallest based on the number of states in each region.

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2. Arizona and New Mexico are in which region? Sometimes they are grouped with another region. In which region could they belong?

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## Friday

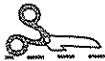
1. Washington, D.C., lies between Maryland and Virginia. In which region does the nation's capital belong?

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2. How many states make up the Northeast region? Name at least three Northeast states.

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## Challenge

Make a chart listing the six regions. Under each region, list the states that belong to that region. Attach the chart to the map. Use a United States political map as a reference to help you name the states. Remember to make sure you include all 50!



# The West Indies

## Monday

1. The West Indies is a chain of islands in which sea and ocean?

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2. The West Indies is made up of the Bahamas and which two other island groups?

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## Tuesday

1. The Bahamas consist of 3,000 small islands. Where are the Bahamas located in relation to the United States?

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2. Which four island nations make up the Greater Antilles?

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## Wednesday

1. How many countries and how many dependencies are located in the Lesser Antilles?

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2. The island of Hispaniola consists of two nations in the Greater Antilles. Name the two countries that share this island.

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# The West Indies

## Thursday

1. Which two dependencies in the West Indies belong to the United States?

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2. Which European countries have dependencies in the West Indies?

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## Friday

1. Besides the five countries in Central America, which other countries border the West Indies?

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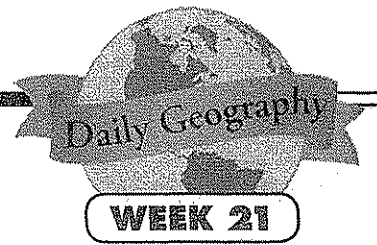
2. Which island nation is the largest in area? Is it located in the Bahamas, the Greater Antilles, or the Lesser Antilles?

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## Challenge

Explain how the islands of the Bahamas, Greater Antilles, and Lesser Antilles got the name *West Indies*. Write your explanation as another caption for the map.





# The Region of Central America

## Monday

1. How many countries make up the region of Central America? Name them.

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2. Central America forms an isthmus between the southern part of North America and South America. What is an isthmus?

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## Tuesday

1. Which waterways border Central America?

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2. Which countries border Central America to the north and south?

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## Wednesday

1. Which country does not border the Pacific Ocean?

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2. Which capital cities are named after the countries' names?

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# The Region of Central America

## Thursday

1. Which country does not border the Caribbean Sea? The Caribbean Sea flows into which ocean?

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2. Which narrow country curves from the west to the east? Name its borders.

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## Friday

1. Because of its location, what three severe kinds of violent natural conditions strike this region?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Look at the inset map. Is Central America closer to the Greater Antilles or to the Lesser Antilles?

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## Challenge

The Panama Canal is a waterway that cuts across the Isthmus of Panama. It links the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. The canal helps ships to travel between Atlantic and Pacific ports without sailing around South America.

On the map, label the Panama Canal. Use an atlas or other resource to help you with its location.



# The Middle East Region

## Monday

1. How many countries and continents make up the Middle East region?

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2. The Middle East is usually considered part of Asia, but which other two continents have lands in the Middle East?

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## Tuesday

1. Which Middle East countries border the Red Sea?

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2. Which five countries in the Middle East are the smallest in land area?

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## Wednesday

1. Which Middle East countries border Iraq?

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2. The Sinai Peninsula joins which two Middle East countries?

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# The Middle East Region

## Thursday

1. The Suez Canal on the Sinai Peninsula links which two bodies of water?

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2. How many Middle East countries border the Persian Gulf?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Friday

1. Which two territories have been a continual battle zone between the Israelis and Palestinian Arabs?

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2. Which two great ancient civilizations developed in the Middle East, and which three major religions were born in the region?

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## Challenge

Match the following capital cities to the countries in the Middle East. A few have been done for you. Cut and paste the quiz to the back of the Middle East map. Use a reference political map to help you.

1.  K  Bahrain

10.  L  Oman

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Cyprus

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Qatar

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Saudi Arabia

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Iran

13. \_\_\_\_\_ Syria

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq

14. \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Israel

15.  A  United Arab Emirates

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jordan

16. \_\_\_\_\_ Yemen

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Kuwait

**A.** Abu Dhabi

**I.** Jerusalem

**B.** Amman

**J.** Kuwait City

**C.** Ankara

**K.** Manama

**D.** Baghdad

**L.** Muscat

**E.** Beirut

**M.** Nicosia

**F.** Cairo

**N.** Riyadh

**G.** Damascus

**O.** Sana

**H.** Doha

**P.** Tehran



# A National Symbol: Washington, D.C.

## Monday

1. What do the initials *D.C.* stand for in Washington, D.C.?

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2. Washington, D.C., is located between which two states?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday

1. The president of the U.S. lives and works in which building? What is the address of this building?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Smithsonian Institution is the headquarters for many museums. Name four labeled museums on the National Mall.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday

1. The National Mall is a park-like area. Which two buildings act as the east-west borders for the Mall?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the Ellipse, and which two buildings flank this area?

\_\_\_\_\_

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# A National Symbol: Washington, D.C.

## Thursday

1. The new World War II Memorial is being built at the end of the reflecting pool. Which other labeled memorial honors veterans of wars?

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2. Capitol Hill rises 88 feet (27 m). Which three important labeled government buildings stand on the hill?

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## Friday

1. Name three labeled memorials that honor a famous person. Why are these people being honored?

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2. Two historic documents—the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence—are archived in which building?

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## Challenge

Washington, D.C., is called a national symbol, or a cultural landmark, for the country. Why? Write your answer on the back of the map.



# National Parks of Utah

## Monday

1. How many national parks are in Utah? Are they located in the northern or the southern part of the state?

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2. Which national park is near Torrey? How did it get its name?

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## Tuesday

1. Which national parks are near Moab? How did they get their names?

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2. Bryce Canyon National Park has unusual rock formations. The rocks are in which unusual shapes?

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## Wednesday

1. Which national parks are southeast of the state's capital city?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which two rivers are near or in two national parks?

\_\_\_\_\_



# National Parks of Utah

## Thursday

1. Besides canyons, what other physical features are shown on the map of Utah?

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2. How can historians tell that native peoples made their home in the Capitol Reef National Park area?

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## Friday

1. National parks are considered cultural landmarks. Why?

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2. Zion National Park was named by Mormon pioneers. *Zion* means "place of refuge." Why was this area a refuge for the pioneers?

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## Challenge

Besides the five national parks, Utah has many national monuments. One of the most famous is called Rainbow Bridge National Monument. It is the world's largest natural rock bridge. It is in the shape of an arch. From its base to the top of the arch is 290 feet (88 m). The top of the arch is 42 feet (13 m) thick and 33 feet (10 m) wide.

Write one or two facts about Rainbow Bridge on the map and add a picture of the bridge to the map. Rainbow Bridge is located southeast of Lake Powell. You may wish to use additional resources to find out more about Rainbow Bridge.





# Climate Zones of the United States

## Monday

1. How many different kinds of climate zones are shown on the map?

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2. Which two climate zones are the direct opposites—one is always warm and one is always cold?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday

1. Which states include tropical climates? Which part of each state includes the Tropical Climate Zone?

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Alaska is unique. It includes two climate zones that are not found in any other state. What are they?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday

1. The states that border the Great Lakes are in which climate zone? Name three states that border the Great Lakes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. In which climate zone does almost all of the Southeast region belong? Which states are the exception in the Southeast?

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# Climate Zones of the United States

## Thursday

1. Which state has five climate zones? Name the climate zones.

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2. Which states are in the Desert Climate Zone?

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## Friday

1. Which states have more than two climate zones within their borders?

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2. Which three climate zones have the least amount of precipitation?

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## Challenge

Color your state on the map page. Write a caption for the map, explaining the climate zone or zones in your state.



# The Sahara Desert

## Monday

1. The Sahara Desert covers northern Africa from the Atlantic Ocean to which sea?

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2. The Sahara Desert covers 3½ million square miles. Does that mean it is much smaller, roughly equal to, or much larger than the U.S.?

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## Tuesday

1. Which two physical features help to make parts of the Sahara Desert more livable?

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2. Which river flows through the northeastern edge of the Sahara Desert?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday

1. The Sahara has about 90 large oases. What is an oasis?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Sahara is covered by rocky plateaus, gravel plains, and ergs. What are ergs?

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# The Sahara Desert

## Thursday

1. Name two ways plants have adapted to the landscape of the Sahara.

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2. Name two ways animals have adapted to the harsh environment of the Sahara.

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## Friday

1. Name two ways in which most people have adapted to living in the Sahara Desert.

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2. The Sahara Desert is considered an ecosystem. Why?

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## Challenge

The Sahara Desert covers parts of ten countries and one occupied territory in northern Africa. List the countries and territory on the back of the map. Use an atlas, encyclopedia, or other resource to help you.



# World's Ten Most Populous Countries

## Monday

1. The population statistics on the map and chart are from which government agency? The statistics are from which year?

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2. Which country in the world was the most populous in 2002? Is the population of that country in the millions, billions, or trillions?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday

1. What was the population of the United States in 2002?

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2. Which continent has the most countries in the "top ten list"?

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## Wednesday

1. Which country had a population of almost 180 million in 2002? In which continent is this country located?

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2. How many countries had a population of over 150 million in 2002? Name them.

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\_\_\_\_\_



# World's Ten Most Populous Countries

## Thursday

1. What was the difference in population between the most populous and the least populous countries on the list?

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2. The world's population went over 6 billion in 1999. The estimate for the world's population in 2050 is over \_\_\_ billion.

## Friday

1. Which continents do not have any of the top ten most populous countries in the world?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Which group of countries had a larger combined population—China and Japan, or India and the U.S.?

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## Challenge

Which five countries would round out the top fifteen most populous countries for 2002? What are their populations? Add the five countries and their populations to the map. Use the U.S. Census Bureau information to help you find your answers.



# A Cultural Map: National Basketball Association

## Monday

1. How many NBA teams are located in the U.S., and how many are located in Canada?

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2. What is the name of the NBA team in Canada?

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## Tuesday

1. Are most of the NBA teams located in the eastern or western part of the United States?

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2. How many NBA teams are located in California? Name them.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday

1. Which state is home to the Mavericks, Rockets, and the Spurs? Which team is located in the northeastern part of the state?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How many teams are located in the Pacific Northwest? Name them.

\_\_\_\_\_

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# A Cultural Map: National Basketball Association

## Thursday

1. Since 1990, the Bulls, Lakers, Rockets, and Spurs have each been an NBA champion at least two times. Where are these teams located?

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2. How many NBA teams are located in the North-Central region of the United States? Name them.

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## Friday

1. Name 4 of the 5 NBA teams that are in the Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division.

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2. Name 4 of the 5 NBA teams that are in the Western Conference, Pacific Division.

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## Challenge

Pretend you have just been appointed to name the next NBA team. Choose which city and state you think should have one. Name the NBA team. Place a dot on the map on the location of the new team. Add the team to the index at the bottom of the page.





# Leading Rice-Producing Countries

## Monday

1. What information is given on the map and the chart?

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2. Which parts of Asia are known for rice production?

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## Tuesday

1. Which country was and still is the top producer of rice? How much rice was produced in this country in 1998–1999?

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2. Which two countries together produced 312 million tons of rice?

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## Wednesday

1. Which group of countries produced more rice—India, Indonesia, and Bangladesh, or China and Thailand?

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2. Name the other Asian countries, not included on the chart, that are top producers of rice.

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# Leading Rice-Producing Countries

## Thursday

1. Why are Central Asia and Southeast Asia ideal places for growing rice?

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2. Do Asian farmers produce about 50 percent, 75 percent, or 90 percent of the world's rice?

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## Friday

1. In hilly areas, farmers in Asia cut terraces into the sides of mountains to plant rice. How do farmers plant rice in the lowland areas?

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2. Rice is the staple food for over half the people in the world. What is meant by that statement?

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## Challenge

The United States often makes the list of the top ten rice-producing countries. Name the top six rice-producing states in the U.S. Write your answers on the map as another caption.



# Boroughs of New York City

## Monday

1. New York City is divided into five areas called boroughs. Name the five boroughs.

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2. What is the population of New York City? What is its ranking among all cities in the United States?

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## Tuesday

1. Manhattan is famous for its giant skyscrapers. Which borough is northeast of Manhattan?

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2. Which borough has the largest population? What is its population?

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## Wednesday

1. Staten Island is the only borough not directly connected to Manhattan. Staten Island is linked by bridge to which other borough?

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2. Which borough is the largest in area and second-largest in population?

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# Boroughs of New York City

## Thursday

1. Liberty Island is home to which famous landmark?

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2. Prior to 1954, where did immigrants have to go to enter New York City?

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## Friday

1. Central Park, the Empire State Building, and the United Nations headquarters are all located in which borough of 1.5 million population?

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2. Which borough is the only one not separated from upstate New York by water?

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## Challenge

The Statue of Liberty is located on an island in New York Harbor. She is a symbol of the United States that stands for freedom. Millions of immigrants have passed by the Statue of Liberty as they entered the United States.

On a piece of paper, draw a picture of the Statue of Liberty and write four facts to describe this famous landmark. Attach the paper to the map. Use an encyclopedia or other resource to help you.



# Time Zones of the United States

## Monday

1. The United States is divided into how many standard time zones?  
Name them from west to east.

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2. What is the time difference between each time zone?

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## Tuesday

1. Are the hours earlier or later to the west of each time zone?

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2. Cities in the Northeast region are part of which time zone?

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## Wednesday

1. Which time zone includes Hawaii and some of the western islands of Alaska?

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2. If it is 1:00 P.M. in Chicago, what time is it in Los Angeles?

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# Time Zones of the United States

## Thursday

1. If it is midnight in Chicago, what time is it in Seattle, Washington?

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2. Which states have areas that are part of the Central and Mountain Time Zones?

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## Friday

1. If you live in Honolulu and it is 9:00 P.M., is it a good time to call your grandfather in New York? Why or why not?

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2. It is the first Sunday in April and clocks have been set one hour ahead. Why?

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## Challenge

Make up two time zone questions. Write your questions on the back of the map page. Don't forget to include the answers. Pair up with a classmate and ask each other the time zone questions.



# A Land Use Map: The North-Central Region

## Monday

1. What information is shown on the map?

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2. How many states are shown on the map? How many of them have usable cropland?

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## Tuesday

1. How many states have good grazing lands for livestock? Name them.

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2. Which states have forests? Of these, which state has the least amount of forestland?

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## Wednesday

1. What does the term *unproductive land* mean? Which state has a very small percentage of unproductive land?

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2. Which states have only cropland for land use?

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# A Land Use Map: The North-Central Region

## Thursday

1. Name two livestock animals found on large ranches and on grazing lands.

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2. Name three major crops that are grown in the North-Central region.

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## Friday

1. Is land use in the North-Central region mostly agricultural, industrial, or open space?

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2. Which states border Lake Superior? Which land use categories do they all have in common?

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## Challenge

Add the capitals of the states in the correct places on the map of the North-Central region. Use a reference political map to place the capitals in the correct positions.





# A Tourist Map: Missouri

## Monday

1. Name three physical features that help make Missouri a major tourist state.

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2. Name three famous Americans that have historic buildings or monuments named after them in Missouri.

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## Tuesday

1. Why do people visit the Meramec Caverns?

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2. Pony Express riders could make the 1,966-mile (3,164-km) journey in 10 days or less. Which cities did they travel to and from?

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## Wednesday

1. Which city is noted for its musical entertainment value? In which part of the state is the city located?

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2. Which historic site is located in Independence, MO? Write a fact about this site.

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# A Tourist Map: Missouri

## Thursday

1. Mark Twain has a cave and a national forest named after him. Why?

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2. The Gateway Arch is considered a historic site. Where is it located, and why is the monument historically significant?

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## Friday

1. Why is Missouri called a "spelunker's paradise"?

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2. The tourist map of Missouri is also called a geopolitical map. What is a geopolitical map?

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## Challenge

Missouri has several nicknames—Cave State, Mother of the West, Ozark State, and the Show Me State.

You have been assigned to promote tourism in Missouri. Decide which nickname is the best and design a logo for it. Draw your logo on the map page.



# A Resource Map: Mexico's Minerals

## Monday

1. Mexico is the world's leading producer of which mineral? How many areas of Mexico produce this mineral?

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2. How many areas produce the minerals lead and zinc? Are the deposits of these two minerals located mostly along the coast or inland?

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## Tuesday

1. How many areas produce copper? In which areas of Mexico is copper mined?

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2. How many areas in Mexico produce gold? In which locations are these deposits of gold?

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## Wednesday

1. Which of the minerals shown on the map are called mineral fuels, or fossil fuels?

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2. Where are most of the oil wells found in Mexico? Three oil well symbols can be found on the border of which two countries?

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# A Resource Map: Mexico's Minerals

## Thursday

1. Oil is produced along the northern border and the Gulf of Mexico border. Where are the other two fossil fuels found in Mexico?

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2. The economy of Mexico depends greatly on one of the fossil fuels. Which fossil fuel is it? Give a statistic about this fossil fuel.

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## Friday

1. Which mineral helps to support Mexico's growing steel industry? Where is this mineral located in Mexico?

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2. Mexico's leading exports include petroleum, copper, salt, sulfur, silver, and zinc. What does *export* mean, and how do exports help Mexico?

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## Challenge

In 2001, Mexico's mineral exports, excluding petroleum and natural gas, were about \$1 billion. Mexico exported 624 million barrels of crude petroleum with a value of about \$12 billion.

Research to find out which country is Mexico's most valued trade partner for these minerals. Write the above facts and the new information on the back of the map.



# A History Map: Ancient Greece

## Monday

1. Which seas surrounded ancient Greece?

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2. The mainland of Greece was a peninsula. Name at least five city-states located on the mainland.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday

1. The city-states of Olympia and Sparta were part of which region?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The beginnings of the Greek civilization can be traced to the largest island in ancient Greece. Name the island.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Wednesday

1. Which city-state was named after the goddess Athena?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The ancient Greeks believed in gods and goddesses who made their home on a mountain. Name the Greek mountain.

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# A History Map: Ancient Greece

## Thursday

1. The first recorded ancient Olympic Games took place in which city-state in 776 B.C.?

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2. A modern-day long-distance race is named after which city-state?

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## Friday

1. What three areas made up a city-state?

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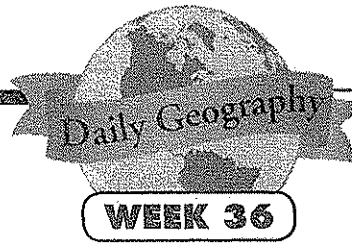
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2. During a major battle, the Greeks sank half the Persian fleet off the coast of this island. Name this small island.

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## Challenge

Add a caption to the map describing the location of ancient Greece.



# A City Plan

## Monday

1. How many labeled areas provide housing? Which section has the newest houses?

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2. Name the transportation systems shown on the map. Name another transportation system that may be in a city.

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Tuesday

1. A large factory is in which section and area?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The city officials wanted the high school to be near a residential area. Was the plan followed? Why or why not?

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## Wednesday

1. Name at least five community service places that are shown on the map.

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2. What kinds of buildings would be in a commercial area?

\_\_\_\_\_

# A City Plan

## Thursday

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages about the location of the airport?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The city planner proposed that the city park be in the center of the city. Was that plan approved? How do you know?

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## Friday

1. How does the location of Highway 10 affect the housing development in a positive way and in a negative way?

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2. Is the elementary school in a convenient location to most people's homes? Why or why not?

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## Challenge

Pretend you are a city official and you have just received a proposal from the city planner. She has recommended that the undeveloped land in the city be used for a new landfill site. Look at the city map and decide if this is a good site for a new landfill area.

1. Write your opinion on the back of the map page. Be sure to include the pros and cons of the proposal, and then make a decision one way or another.
2. Draw what you have planned for section 3 on the map.
3. Name the area in the space provided.