PLACE: CHARACTERISTICS

MAP MAKER KIT: A PLACE HAS CHARACTERISTICS

Map Title: ________________________________________________________

Place Name: _______________________________________

A map tells about a place. Use this map to tell the characteristics of one place.

1. Tell what you would see if you were in that place.
2. Give the map a title. Then write the name of the place on the PLACE NAME line.
3. Choose colors for land, water, and buildings. Color those parts of this place with those colors and put them in the Key.
4. What are two things that help make this place special? Make a symbol for each one and put it into the Key. Use those symbols to show those things on the map.

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LOCATION

MAP MAKER KIT: A PLACE HAS A LOCATION

Map Title: ____________________________

1. Give the map a title.
2. Put a north arrow on the map. That is an arrow that points to the north.
3. Use a number symbol to stand for the place. Make it Number 1. Put that number in the Key and write the name of the place there, too. Then use it to show the place on the map.
4. Use the two lines on the map to help show where places are. Label them as streets or lines of latitude and longitude.
5. Show where other places are, too. Use numbers to show them on the map and to list them in the Key.
6. Add more parts to the map. Add streets, parks, or other places that are near this place.
7. Use your map to tell the story of a day in this place. Use the place numbers as part of your story. Then other people can guess where the story happens.

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Use this map to show that one place has many different parts.

1. Give the map a title.
2. Write the name of the place on the PLACE NAME line.
3. Think of five important parts of this place. Then make a symbol for each part and put that symbol in the KEY box. Write words to explain what each symbol means.
4. Show where those parts are in the place. First, draw an outline of the place on the map. Then use the symbols to show where those parts are.
5. Write about the parts of this place. Tell how each one is important.
6. Add one more part to the map. Show a part that you think should be added to this place. Make a symbol for it and put that into the Key. Then show on the map where this part should be added.
7. Write about your change. Explain why you think it should be made.
REGION

MAP MAKER KIT: A REGION IS AN AREA WITH
SHARED CHARACTERISTICS

Map Title: ________________________________

Region Name: ____________________________

KEY

kind of land

kind of plants

kind of business

Use this map to show what a region means. Show one region.

1. Choose a region.
2. Give the map a title that tells about the region.
3. Write the name of the region on the REGION NAME line.
4. Draw the outline of the border on the map.
5. What makes this region special? Tell about the kind of land, kind of plants, and
   kind of business in this region. Write one word to tell about it in the Key. Then
   use the symbol in the box in that part of the Key to show this feature in the region
   map.
6. Add more symbols. Make more maps to show other facts about the region.
How can a place be in different regions at the same time?

Use this map to show the answer.

1. Give the map a title.
2. Put a symbol on the map to show that place.
3. Think of two different regions that one place is in, and then draw outlines of those regions.
4. Use symbols to show what is important about each of those two regions. Put your symbols in the Key. Then use them to help tell more about the regions.
5. Write about your map.
   • Explain why each region is important to this one place.
   • Tell why this place is an important part of each region.
MOVEMENT

MAP MAKER KIT: MOVEMENT LINKS PLACES TOGETHER

Map Title: ________________________________________________

Make a map to show how transportation links places.
1. Give the map a title.
2. Put locations on the map. Use the Key to tell what is in each location.
3. Draw transportation links on the map.
4. Use the map scale to show how far apart each of the places is.
5. Make a compass “rose” that shows all the cardinal and intermediate directions.
6. Write directions to get between places on the map. Tell why people would travel between those places.
RELATIONSHIPS – WITHIN A PLACE

MAP MAKER KIT: THERE ARE MANY RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN A PLACE

Map Title:__________________________________________________

Place Name: ___________________________________

KEY

business places
places people learn
places people help other people

Use this map to show relationships within a place.
1. Give the map a title.
2. Write the name of the place on the PLACE NAME line.
3. First, draw an outline of the place on the map.
4. Show business locations. Use a symbol for each business. Put the symbols in the Key.
5. Show places where people learn. Use a symbol to stand for learning. Put that symbol in the Key.
6. Show places where people help other people. Use a symbol to show what those places do. Put that symbol in the Key.
7. Then write about the relationships.
RELATIONSHIPS – BETWEEN PLACES

MAP MAKER KIT: There are many relationships between different places.

Map Title: _____________________________________________

Place Name: ________________________________

KEY
☐ transportation link
☐ communication link
☐ business link

There are many connections between places. Use this map to show connections between three different places.

1. Give the map a title.
2. Choose three different places that have connections with each other.
3. Show those connections on the map. First, put the places on the map in their exact locations. Then show how they relate by using the key. Show one transportation link, one communication link, and one business link.
4. Use colors to draw lines between the places. Draw a number on each line. Explain what each link means.
A PLACE HAS MANY DIMENSIONS

MAP MAKER KIT: A MAP TELLS MANY THINGS
Map Title: ____________________________________________

Place Name: _________________________________________

Use this map to tell many things about one place.
• Show its location.
• Show its characteristics.
• Show its parts.
• Show its connections.

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