

Study Guide

Chapter 2 - Where in the United States Is Our Community?

Find your community on a map of the United States. Read about famous places around the country. Find them on a map too.

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cardinal directions - one of four main directions: north, east, south, and west

2.1 The 50 States p. 18

There are 50 states in the United States. We live in Pennsylvania. There are communities in every state. Our community is called Levittown.



2.2 The Statue of Liberty p. 19



The famous statue welcomes people to the United States. It stands for freedom. It is called the Statue of Liberty. It is on a small island in New York City. It is near the Atlantic Ocean.

2.3 The Everglades p. 20

The Everglades are warm and wet. Lots of birds, snakes, crocodiles, and alligators live there. People visit the Everglades to camp, to see wildlife, and to fish.

The Everglades are in the state of Florida.



2.4 Mount Rushmore p. 21

Mount Rushmore shows the faces of four famous U.S. presidents. The faces are 60 feet high. It took 14 years to carve them.

Mount Rushmore is in the state of South Dakota. South Dakota is west of the Mississippi River. It is east of the Rocky Mountains.



2.5 The Grand Canyon p. 22

grand - large

canyon - a deep, narrow valley with steep sides

A river runs along the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is in the state of Arizona.



2.6 The Golden Gate Bridge p. 23

The Golden Gate Bridge crosses the entrance to San Francisco Bay. The bridge opened in 1937. It had the tallest towers of any bridge in the world.

The city of San Francisco is at the south end of the bridge. People cross the bridge to get to other parts of the state of California.



Reading Further - Eagles, Flags, and Midnight Parades p. 24

tradition - something that people do together year after year

symbol - an object that stands for something else (for example, the Liberty Bell, American flag, and American Eagle are symbols of freedom)

The Liberty Bell is in the city of Philadelphia. People rang it in 1776. They were going to read the Declaration of Independence out loud. They wanted everyone to come and hear it being read.

The flag stands for our strength and for everything that makes us one country. The Liberty Bell stands for freedom.

Practice Test

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1. Mary lives up the road near a lake, just north of town and two miles from the school. Which word or words name a cardinal direction?
 - A. up
 - B. near
 - C. north
 - D. two miles
2. Nick lives down the street, just south of Levittown and five miles from the market. Which word or words name a cardinal direction?
 - A. down
 - B. near
 - C. south
 - D. five miles
3. How many states are in the United States?
 - A. 45
 - B. 37
 - C. 10
 - D. 50
4. What is a canyon?
 - A. Something that people do together year after year
 - B. An object that stands for something else
 - C. A deep, narrow valley with steep sides
 - D. A large river
5. What crosses the entrance to San Francisco Bay?
 - A. Grand Canyon
 - B. Golden Gate Bridge
 - C. Statue of Liberty
 - D. Everglades
6. Mount Rushmore is found in the state of:
 - A. Arizona
 - B. Florida
 - C. Pennsylvania
 - D. South Dakota

Look at this map. Use the map to answer the questions below.



7. If you want to go from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Grand Canyon. In what direction will you travel?

8. From the Everglades, what direction is the Statue of Liberty?

9. From the the Statue of Liberty, what direction is Mount. Rushmore?

10. Label the compass rose.

