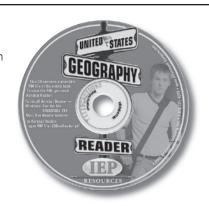


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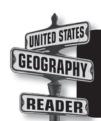


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### **ABOUT THIS BOOK**

### **UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHY READER**

The Reader divides the United States into nine geographic areas and features two interesting and unique travel destinations in all 50 states, making up the 100 lessons in this book. Each lesson has a brief, brochure-like description of a destination with numerous photographs and graphics of each location. In addition, all lessons include three worksheets and a U.S. map with instructions for students to locate their state and to help them make a connection between where they live and the destination in the lesson.

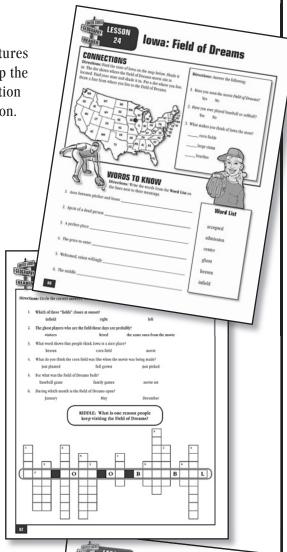
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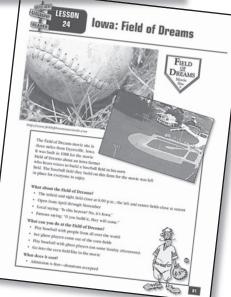
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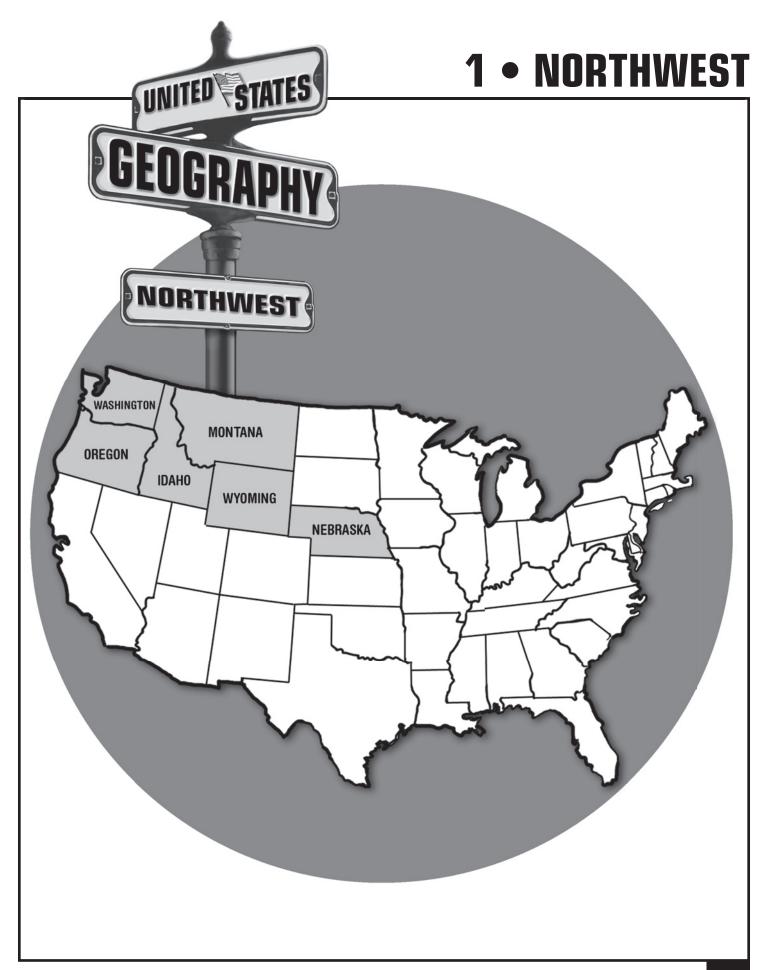
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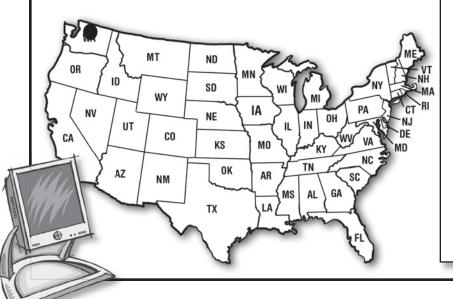




# Washington: Microsoft Museum

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Washington on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Microsoft Museum is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Museum.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

1. Have you ever used a computer?

Yes No

2. What are some things people use computers for?

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Place to look and learn \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Locks the door at the end of the day \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Lets people come in \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Facts from the past \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. A business \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. An information machine \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

closes

company

computer

history

museum

open



# **Microsoft Museum**





http://www.microsoft.com/museum/

The Microsoft Museum is in Redmond, Washington. The museum displays the history of computers from 1975 to recent discoveries and computer inventions. It also tells about the man who started Microsoft, Bill Gates. Visitors can explore the latest products, try new things, play computer games and learn about new software. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and sometimes closes for private parties.

### What can you do at the Microsoft Museum?

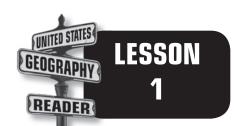
- Try new computers
- Try new things that work with computers
- Play computer games and try other new software
- See old computers

### What does it cost?

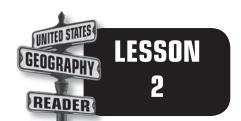
• It's free!







| 1.  | From where you live, would you have to drive more than three hours to go to the Microsoft Museum? |  |  |  |
|-----|---|--|--|--|
|     | Yes No  |  |  |  |
| 2.  | Were the first computers made before or after you were born? Before After                         |  |  |  |
| 3.  | After reading the lesson and looking at the pictures, what do you think you would spend           |  |  |  |
|     | the most time doing at the museum?  |  |  |  |
|     |   |  |  |  |
| 4.  | If I were going to the Microsoft Museum, I would be:  |  |  |  |
|     | Excited Interested Not at all interested  |  |  |  |
| 5.  | Why should you call before going to the museum?   |  |  |  |
|     | Reservations are required   |  |  |  |
|     | To make sure it is not closed for a party   |  |  |  |
|     | They might have too many people that day  |  |  |  |
| 6.  | What is one main thing you would see at this museum?  |  |  |  |
| 7.  | What do you think you would like best about this museum?  |  |  |  |
|     |   |  |  |  |
|     |   |  |  |  |
| 8.  | Who is Bill Gates?  |  |  |  |
|     |   |  |  |  |
| 9.  | On which of these days does the museum get more visitors?   |  |  |  |
|     | Wednesdays Saturdays  |  |  |  |
| 10. | How much would it cost for your whole family to go to this museum?                                |  |  |  |



# Washington: Mt. Rainier's Scenic Railroad

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Washington on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where Mount Rainier's Scenic Railroad is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to Mt. Rainier.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

1. Have you ever been at a high spot where you could see a long way?

Yes No

2. Have you ever been on a mountain?

Yes No

3. If you were on a mountain, which of these things would you probably see in the distance?

trees

\_\_\_\_people

\_\_\_\_ cars

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

| 1. | Every day _ |  |
|----|-------------|--|
|    | , , , –     |  |

- 2. Small mountains \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Train car that leads \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. 2,000 pounds \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Roads \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Person who works for free \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

daily

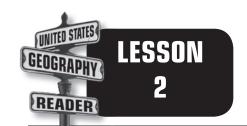
engine

foothills

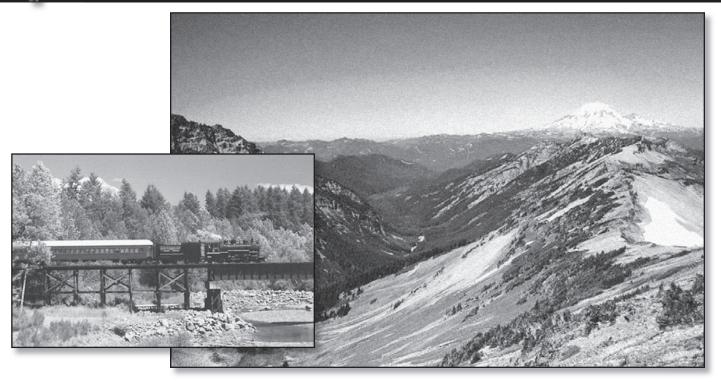
highway

ton

volunteer



# Washington: Mt. Rainier's Scenic Railroad



http://www.mrsr.com/

Mt. Rainier's Scenic Railroad is in Elbe, Washington, near Highway 7. The train takes you on a one and a half hour ride through the scenic foothills of Mt. Rainier. Each train is pulled by old steam locomotives that were made between 1924 and 1930. Each engine weighs from 70 to 90 tons. A train uses five engines and sometimes two of them pull together. The railroad runs daily from July 4th to Labor Day and in other months they only run on weekends.

They also operate special trains on Halloween

They also operate special trains on Halloween, Christmas and other holidays.

### What can you do when you ride the train?

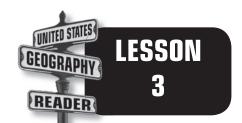
- See what an old-time train was like—hear the whistle and watch it blow steam
- You can experience "The Golden Age of Steam" as you chug across spectacular bridges and clickety-clack through lush, tall forests
- Ride through the foothills of Mount Rainier, over bridges, past lakes and through woods

### What does it cost?

- Kids 3 to 12—\$8.50
- Adults—\$12.50
- Seniors—\$11.50



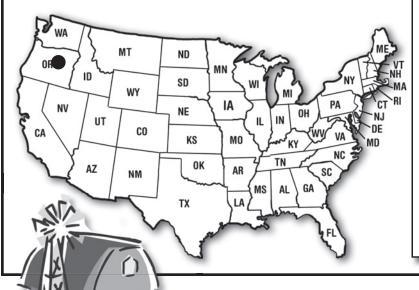
| 1. What are three main things to see or do while on the train?  2  3  |
|---|
| 2. The train does not run every day of the year. In each box, write a date when the train does not run. You can use a calendar. |
| October March June  |
| 3. Would you like to ride on Mount Rainier's Scenic Railroad?   |
| Yes, because No, because  |



# **Oregon: Funny Farm**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Oregon on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Funny Farm is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Funny Farm.



**Directions:** People like to laugh at silly things. Think of a silly story or joke. Make notes below so you can share it with the class.

| WN | RNS | TN | KNI | W |
|----|-----|----|-----|---|

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Country crafts and paintings \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. In the middle \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Gives driving directions \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Throw a ball at pins \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Very old things \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. A bend \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

antiques

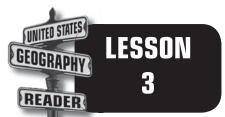
between

bowl

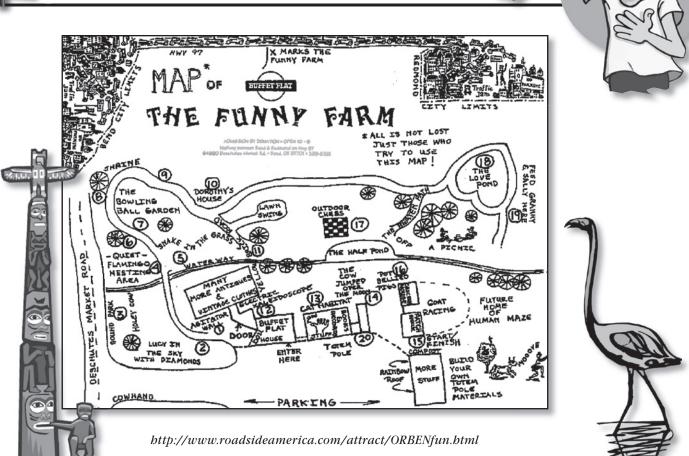
corner

folk art

sign



# **Funny Farm**



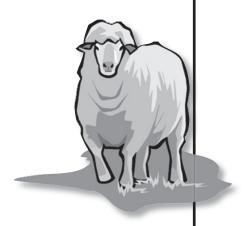
The Funny Farm is in Oregon between the cities of Bend and Redmond, East off of Highway 97 and then follow the signs.

### What about the Funny Farm?

- There's lots of folk art and antiques
- You can stay overnight at the Wizard of Oz Bed and Breakfast
- There are old-time clothes for sale or rent
- Animals: Goats, llamas, sheep, pigs, chickens, cats, dogs, flamingos, donkeys, turkeys and more
- Folk-art painted barn

### What can you do at the Funny Farm?

- Bowl in the bowling ball garden
- Feed the animals
- Make a totem pole from old tires
- Laugh, laugh and laugh some more!





# **Solve the Riddle...**

| Directi | ions: Circle the correct a | inswers.  | Write t | he answ | ers in   | the puz  | zle to so | olve the | riddle. |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1.      | What can you do in the     | bowling   | ball ga | rden?   |          |          |           |          |         |
|         | plant                      |           | J       | bow     | 1        |          |           | hoe      |         |
| 2.      | What is the main thing     | o do at t | he Fun  | ny Farm | 1?       |          |           |          |         |
|         | sleep                      |           |         | eat     |          |          |           | laug     | h       |
| 3.      | Where is the Funny Fari    | n?        |         |         |          |          |           |          |         |
|         | city                       |           |         | count   | ry       |          |           | mount    | ain     |
| 4.      | What do you think it is l  | ike at th | e Funn  | y Farm? |          |          |           |          |         |
|         | noisy                      |           |         | wet     |          |          |           | borii    | ng      |
| 5.      | What is on the barn at t   | he Funny  | y Farm  |         | kes it d | ifferent | from o    |          |         |
|         | curtains                   |           |         | art     |          |          |           | dooi     | . S     |
| 6.      | Which of these animals     | can for   | sure be |         |          | unny Fa  | ırm?      | 1        |         |
|         | turkeys                    |           |         | cow     |          |          |           | hors     | se      |
|         |                            | RID       | DLE:    | What a  |          | _        |           | ade of   | f       |
|         |                            |           |         |         | 3        |          |           | 6        |         |
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# **Oregon: Enchanted Forest**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Oregon on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Enchanted Forest is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Enchanted Forest.



**Directions:** Work with a partner to plan a fun or scary ride for a park. Draw your plan below.

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Leaning to one side \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Man-made figure \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Below where we walk \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Strange or weird \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Go on hands and knees \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Afraid of something \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

crawl

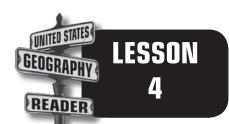
crazy

scared

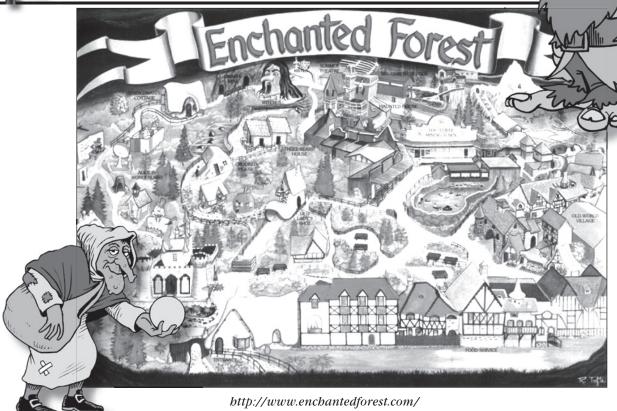
statue

tilted

underground



**Enchanted Forest** 



The Enchanted Forest is a theme park set in a beautiful forest in Salem, Oregon. There's lots to enjoy: Storybook characters, thrilling rides, a western town, a water light show, a tilted house and underground tunnels. The park features a huge log ride, a thrilling roller coaster, a haunted house, an old European village and a comedy theater. Visitors can relax and enjoy picnicking and gift shops too.

### What else can you do at the Enchanted Forest?

- Look out of the old woman's eyes and hear her crazy laugh
- Try to stand up in the tilted house and try to keep from getting scared in the haunted house
- Ride the Big Timber Log Ride and plunge 40 feet to a splashdown
- Take a ride on *Ice Mountain*, a bobsled roller coaster

### When is the Enchanted Forest open?

- Open 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Open May through Labor Day

### What does it cost?

- Adults—\$6.95
- Kids 2-12—\$6.25, Kids under 2: Free





| 5 being very much), rate how much you might enjoy visiting the <b>Enchanted Forest</b> .  (Circle one number) | 1. Which of these won't you find at the Enchanted Forest?                 |
|---|---|
| 1 2 3 4 5   | roller coaster skyscaper trees  |
| Explain why you rated it this way:  | 2. Summer events usually begin:  New Year's Day Easter Memorial Day       |
|   | 3. Log rides usually involve:  water snow paper                           |
|   | 4. The Enchanted Forest is in the state of:                               |
|   | Florida Oregon Ohio   |
|   | 5. If a theme is "western," it usually involves: trolls snow suit cowboys |
| Complete these sentences with words from the  | e box.  |
| 1. The Enchanted Forest is a  | park. forest  |
| 2. Haunted houses are supposed to   | you. scare  |
| 3. When a place is mysterious, it's called  |   |
| 4. A large group of trees can be called a   | Labor Day   |
| 5. The first day in September each year is a holiday cal  | lled theme  |
|   | .   |



# **Idaho: Boise River Rafting**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Idaho on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where Boise River Rafting takes place. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Boise River Rafting spot.



**Directions:** Look at the pictures and answer the questions.





- 1. How are tire tubes and river tubes (above) different?
- 2. Why do you think it's safer to use a river tube when floating down a river? \_\_\_\_\_

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Plastic ring filled with air \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Have a good time \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What a person weighs \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. 60 minutes \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. A distance traveled \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What a person wears to float \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

enjoy

hour

life jacket

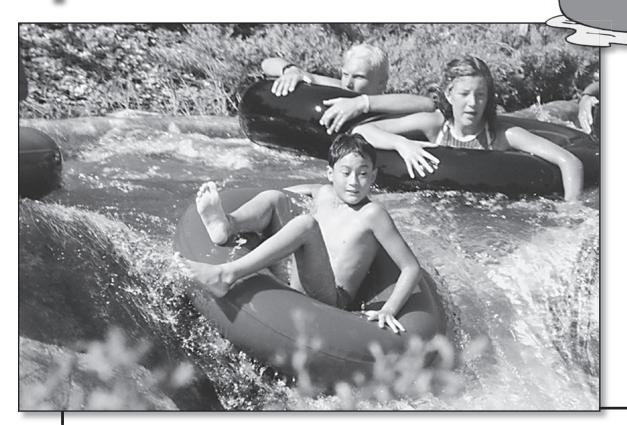
mile

pounds

tube



**Boise River Rafting** 



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### Where does Boise River Rafting start and stop?

- It starts at Barber Park in Boise, ID
- It stops at Ann Morrison Park, Boise, ID

### What about Boise River Rafting?

- Rent tubes and other fun things at Barber Park or bring your own
- 300,000 people per year raft on the Boise River
- There's a bus every hour from Ann Morrison Park to Barber Park
- Rafters must have life jackets and shoes
- Rafters have to weigh 50 pounds or more

### What can you do when rafting on the Boise River?

- Raft 6 miles in about 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours
- Enjoy water, trees and animals
- Have a tube picnic

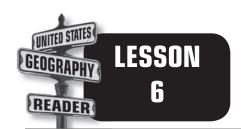
### What does it cost?

• \$2.00 plus the cost of renting a tube, if needed





| 1. | From where you live, would you have to drive more than three hours to go river rafting in Barber Park in Boise, Idaho? |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|    | Yes No   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Do you weigh enough to go on the river ride? Yes No  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | After reading the lesson and looking at the pictures, would you enjoy river rafting?                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | Complete this sentence: If I were going rafting, I would wear  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | What if you don't own a life jacket?   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | You should not go river rafting.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | You can rent one at Barber Park.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | You will have to float without one.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | What do you think you would like best about rafting on the Boise River?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | If you left Barber Park at 2:00, which bus would work best for you at Ann Morrison Park?                               |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | 3:00 bus 4:00 bus 5:00 bus   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. | What do you think a "tube picnic" is?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. | About 130,000 people live in Boise. How do you know that a lot of the rafters come from other places?                  |  |  |  |  |  |



# Idaho: World Center for Birds of Prey

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Idaho on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the World Center for Birds of Prey is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Center.



**Directions:** Look at these two pictures, then choose the correct words to answer the questions.





prey

pray

- 1. Many people go to church to (pray, prey).
- 2. Owls (pray, prey) on mice.
- 3. Chickens are (pray, prey) for the fox.
- 4. I (pray, prey) you all get home safely.

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Warm and wet \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Lots of trees \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Large number of people \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Can touch and do things \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. People who join a group \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Older adults \_\_\_\_\_



**Word List** 

forest

group

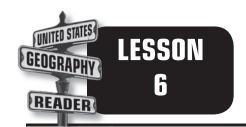
hands-on

members

seniors

tropical





# **World Center for Birds of Prey**



### Where is the World Center for Birds of Prey?

• 5668 Flying Hawk Lane in Boise, Idaho

### What about the World Center for Birds of Prey?

- Open 9 5, Mar. through Oct. and 10 5 Nov. through Feb.
- · Hands-on things to do
- Home for many birds of prey
- Gift shop and picnic spot

# What can you do at the World Center for Birds of Prey?

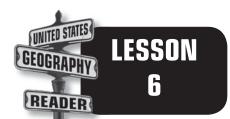
- See these birds: falcons, eagles, vultures, owls and hawks
- Walk in a tropical forest
- Learn how to be good to animals and their homes

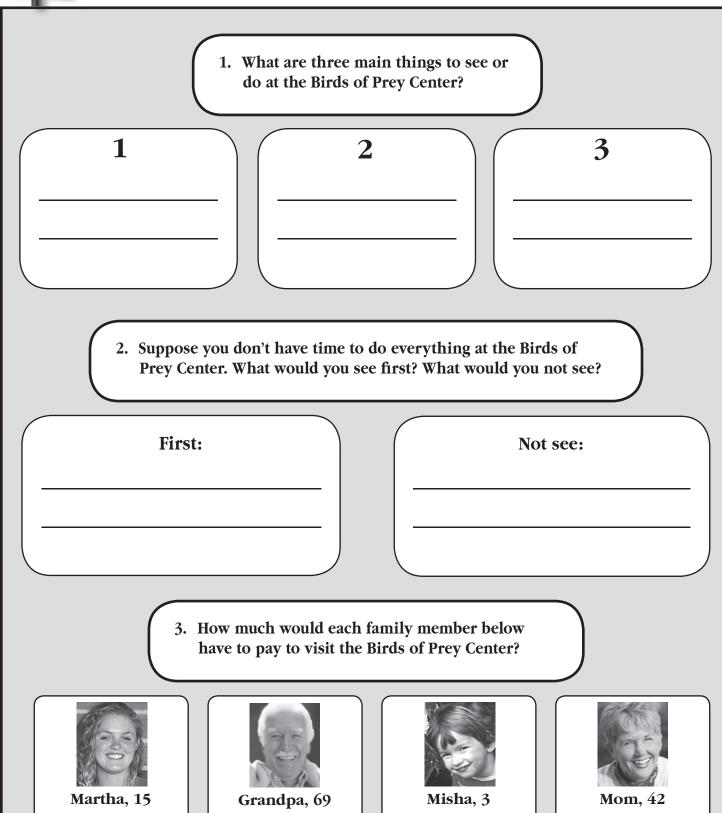
### What does it cost?

- \$4.00 Adults; \$3.00 Seniors (62+); \$2.00 youth (4-16)
- Free to members and children under 4







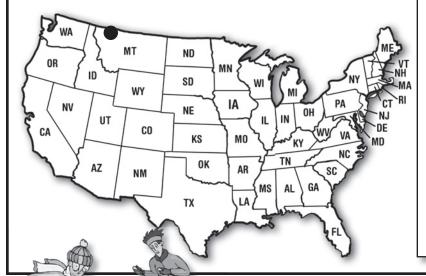




# Montana: Glacier-Waterton National Park

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Montana on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where Glacier-Waterton National Park is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the park.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

- 1. What national park is closest to where you live?
- 2. Have you ever been to that park?

Yes No

3. Does that park have mountains?

Yes No

4. The Glacier-Waterton National Park is a mountain area. What do you think you would do in this park?

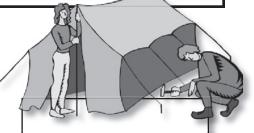
### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

2. A small boat \_\_\_\_

1. Up, on a map \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Down, on a map \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. A path \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Like a license \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Creek \_\_\_\_\_



### **Word List**

canoe

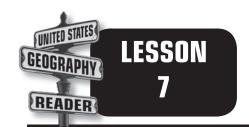
North

permit

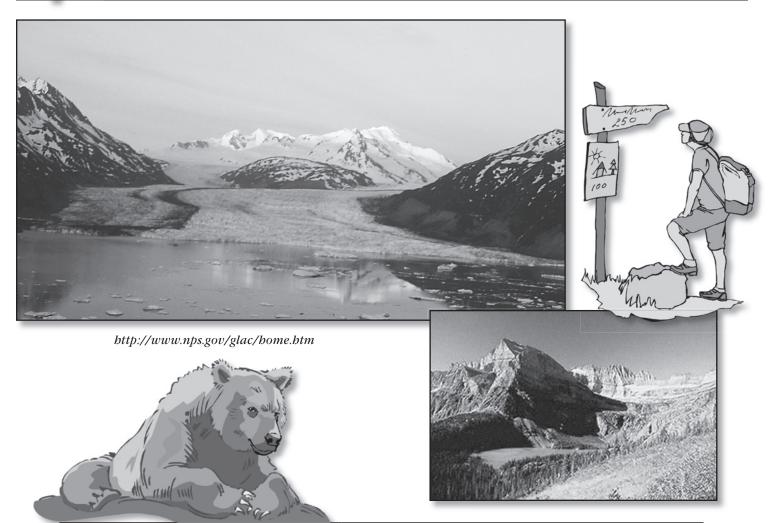
South

stream

trail



# Glacier-Waterton National Park



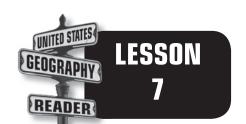
Glacier-Waterton National Park is in the Rocky Mountains. Glacier is in Northern Montana and Waterton is in Alberta, Canada. There are 700 miles of mountain trails for hiking and a road you can drive on that's described as the "don't look down" road that crosses the Continental Divide. The park is home to bears, wolves, mountain lions, mountain goats, elk and deer. The lakes and streams have salmon, trout and grayling fish.

### What can you do at Glacier-Waterton National Park?

- Hike or cross-country ski
- Go fishing
- Go rafting or canoeing
- Go camping

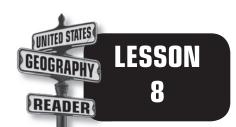
### What does it cost?

• Most parts of the park are free; permits are needed in some parts



# **Solve the Riddle...**

| Directio | ons: Circle the correct answers.               | Write each answer <b>TWICE</b> i                   | n the puzzle to solve the rid | dle.            |  |  |  |
|----------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| 1.       | 1. What is one kind of fish found in the park? |  |                               |                 |  |  |  |
|          | salmon   | catfish  | goldfish                      |                 |  |  |  |
| 2.       | What do you have to buy before                 | re going into some areas of the                    | e park?                       |                 |  |  |  |
|          | tent   | canoe  | permit                        |                 |  |  |  |
| 3.       | Which of these most likely co                  | sts money?   | -                             |                 |  |  |  |
|          | hiking   | bird watching                                      | camping                       |                 |  |  |  |
| 4.       |  | d idea to wear bells on your sh                    |                               | f large animal. |  |  |  |
|          | deer   | bear   | elk                           |                 |  |  |  |
| 5.       | How do you think people use                    | the mountain trails?                               |                               |                 |  |  |  |
|          | hike   | drive a car  | ride in a bus                 |                 |  |  |  |
| 6.       | Besides the United States, who                 | at country is the park in?                         |                               |                 |  |  |  |
|          | Montana  | Canada   | Alberta                       |                 |  |  |  |
|          | RIDDLE: V                                      | What mountain trail is 3,<br>goes from Canada to M | _                             |                 |  |  |  |
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# Montana: Western Montana Fair Rodeo

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Montana on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Montana Rodeo is held. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the rodeo site.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

- 1. What kinds of animals are in rodeos?
- 2. What do people who are in rodeos wear?

3. Is a rodeo a quiet place or a noisy place?

Quiet Noisy

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Cows \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Large container \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Young people \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Special guests\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Without a saddle \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Seats that are like steps \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

bareback

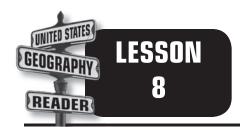
barrel

bleachers

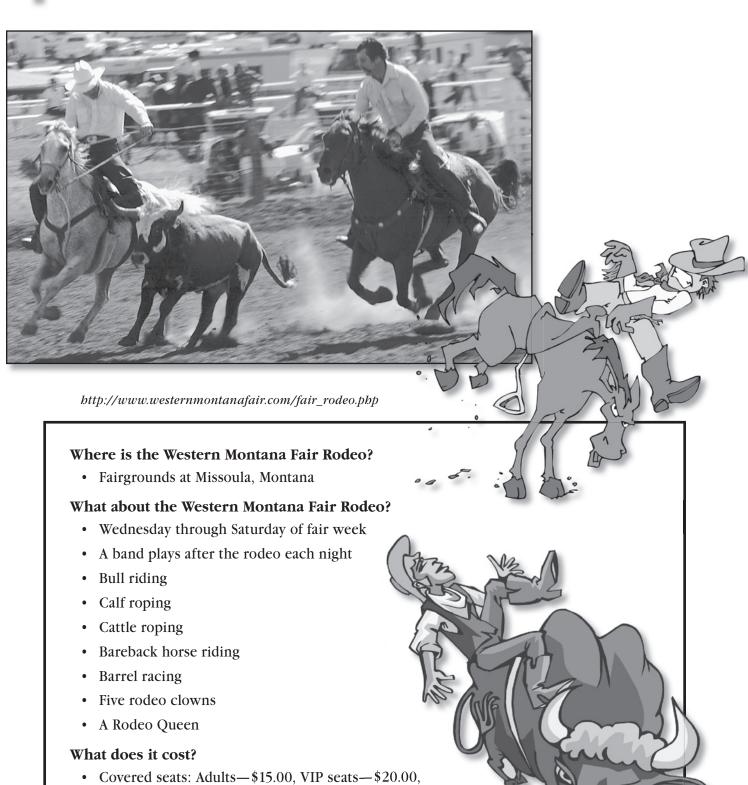
cattle

juniors

**VIPs** 



# **Western Montana Fair Rodeo**



Juniors (13 and under)—\$10.00

• Open bleachers—Free



| On a scale from 1 to 5   | (1 being not at all, te how much you might | Circle the best answer to each question:                            |
|--|--|---|
| enjoy visiting the <b>West</b> er <b>Rodeo.</b> (Circle one na | ern Montana Fair                           | 1. Which of these can't be found at the Western Montana Fair Rodeo? |
| 1 2 3  | 4 5  | cattle bleachers snow shoes   |
| Explain why you rated it th                                    | is wav:                                    | 2. Which part of Montana holds the Fair Rodeo:                      |
| 1  |  | Northern Western Eastern  |
|  |  | 3. This event happens each night after the rodeo:                   |
|  |  | band plays track meet movie   |
|  |  | 4. What would you laugh about at a rodeo?                           |
|  |  | horses clowns monkeys   |
|  |  | 5. A seat in the open bleachers at this rodeo costs:                |
|  |  | \$15.00 Nothing \$10.00   |

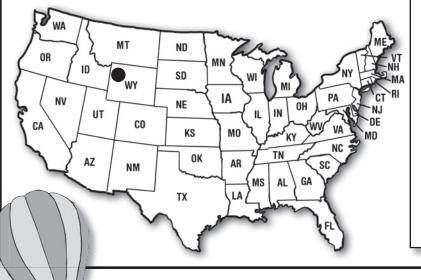
# Complete these sentences with words from the box. 1. The Western Montana Fair Rodeo is held at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. four 2. You sit on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you ride a horse. 3. The most \_\_\_\_\_\_ rodeo event is bull riding. 4. Young cattle are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. saddle 5. This rodeo lasts for only \_\_\_\_\_\_ days during the week of the Western Montana Fair.



# Wyoming: Wyoming Balloon Company

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Wyoming on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Wyoming Balloon Company is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Wyoming Balloon Company.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

1. Balloons you blow up yourself get big, but they don't rise on their own. What makes the balloon big?

Air

Hot air

Helium gas

2. Balloons you buy that are blown up already rise on their own. What makes these balloons rise?

Air

Hot air

Helium gas

3. Balloons that carry people also rise. What makes these balloons rise?

Air

Hot air

Helium gas



**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Scenery to see \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Under, down \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. People who fly for a living \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Calm \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Costs \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Places and things to see \_\_\_\_\_



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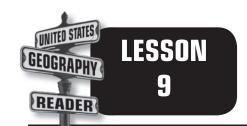
peaceful

pilots

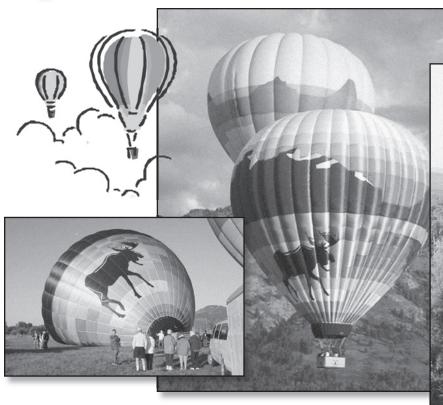
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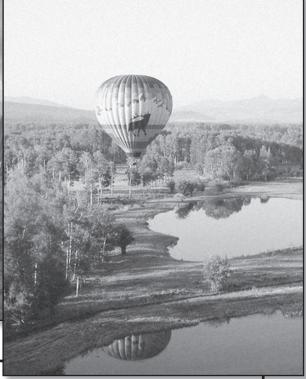
views



# **Wyoming Balloon Company**







### Where is the Wyoming Balloon Company?

• Jackson Hole, Wyoming

### What about a Wyoming Balloon Company ride?

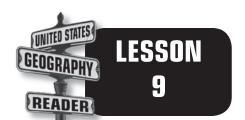
- · Rides last for about one hour
- Bus picks up passengers at 6:00 a.m.—drops off at 9:00 a.m.
- Balloons takes riders age 6 and older
- Company has been giving rides since 1989; good pilots who fly a lot
- Balloons fly from 1,500 feet to 4,000 feet high
- Balloons hold 6 to 12 people at a time

### What can you do on a Wyoming Balloon Company ride?

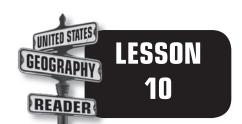
- See great views: mountains, the Grand Teton National Park and the Snake River
- Enjoy the quiet and peaceful sky and the sights, smells and sounds from below

### What does it cost?

• Adults—\$225.00



| 1.  | From where you live, would you have to drive more than 3 hours to take a balloon ride at the Wyoming Balloon Company? |                     |                     |                          |
|-----|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
|     | Yes   | No                  |                     |                          |
| 2.  | Was the Wyoming Balloon   | Company giving ric  | des before you tur  | ned 6 years old?         |
|     | Yes   | No                  |                     |                          |
| 3.  | By looking at the pictures,   | would you go for a  | ride in a hot air b | alloon?                  |
|     | Yes   | No                  | N                   | laybe                    |
| 4.  | Complete this sentence: If  | I were going hot ai | r ballooning, I wo  | uld wear:                |
|     | parachute   | sunglasses          | sunscreen           | hat                      |
| 5.  | At what time do you think   | the balloons take o | ff?                 |                          |
|     | 6:00 a.m.   |                     |                     |                          |
|     | 7:00 a.m.   |                     |                     |                          |
|     | 8:00 a.m.   |                     |                     |                          |
| 6.  | What might you see from a   | hot air balloon?    |                     |                          |
|     |   |                     |                     |                          |
| 7.  | What do you think you wo  | uld like best about | riding in a hot air | balloon?                 |
|     |   |                     |                     |                          |
| 8.  | How many balloons do you  | ı think would be ne | eeded to give rides | s to your whole class?   |
|     | ,,  |                     | 8                   |                          |
| 9.  | How many people are in youride, could you get the ground  |                     | If your whole fa    | amily went for a balloon |
|     | Yes   | No                  |                     |                          |
| 10. | Use a calculator to figure of hot air balloon ride. \$  |                     | •                   |                          |
|     | Yes   | No                  |                     |                          |
|     |   |                     |                     |                          |



# **Wyoming: Yellowstone National Park Geyser Walk**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Wyoming on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Yellowstone National Park is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to Yellowstone National Park.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

1. Have you heard of the geyser called Old Faithful?

> Yes No

2. What is a geyser?

\_\_\_\_\_ an underground spring that throws jets of hot water, steam and mud

\_\_\_\_ a mountain that melts and throws out melted rock

3. Do you know the names of any other geysers?



### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

| 1. | Wet, warm air |  |
|----|---------------|--|
|    | ,             |  |

- 2. Small lakes \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Glide on snow \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Loud
- 5. Water spilling over rocks \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Well known \_\_\_\_\_



### **Word List**

famous

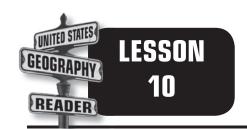
pools

roaring

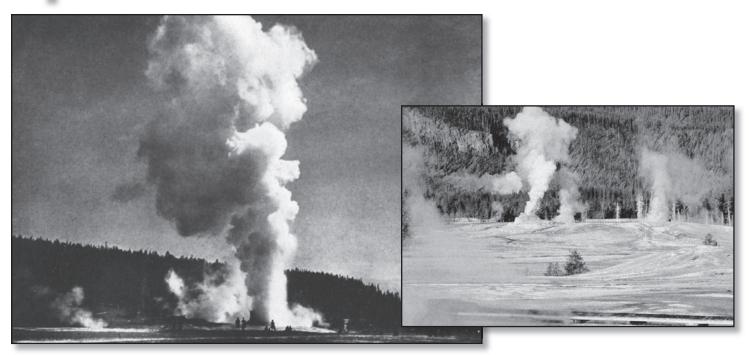
ski

steam

waterfalls



# Yellowstone National Park Geyser Walk



http://www.yellowstonenationalpark.com

### Where is Yellowstone National Park?

• In the Northwest corner of Wyoming by Montana and Idaho

### What about the Geyser Walk at Yellowstone National Park?

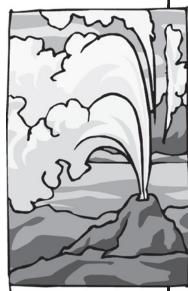
- Home of the famous Old Faithful Geyser
- Other geysers such as Grand Geyser, Plume Geyser, Beehive Geyser, Lion Geyser and Daisy Geyser
- Geysers blow anywhere from 12 times an hour up to one or two times a year

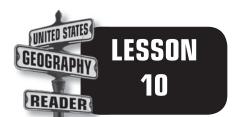
### What can you do on the Geyser Walk?

- See geysers blowing water, steam and mud
- See geysers blow up to 200 feet in the air
- Hear deep, roaring sounds from the geyser
- Feel the ground shake from a geyser erupting
- Walk about five miles of trails and see many geysers, pools, lakes, springs and waterfalls

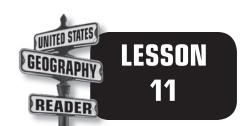
### What does it cost?

- By car—\$20 for 7 days
- On foot, bike or skis—\$10.00 for 7 days





| 1. What are three things you can see or hear geysers do?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Visitors can stay in their cars and see geysers at a distance OR take the geyser walk and see geysers close up. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Why may some people want to stay in their cars?  Why may some people get out and walk?                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Would you like to visit the geysers?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, because   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



# Nebraska: Carhenge

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Nebraska on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where Carhenge is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to Carhenge.



**Directions:** Look at this picture of a sculpture in England called *Stonehenge*. Imagine this sculpture being made out of old cars.



How many cars would make the part of the sculpture in the picture? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How could the cars be held together?

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

6. A work of art \_\_\_\_\_



circle

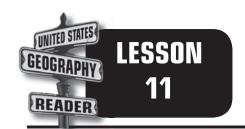
concrete

donation

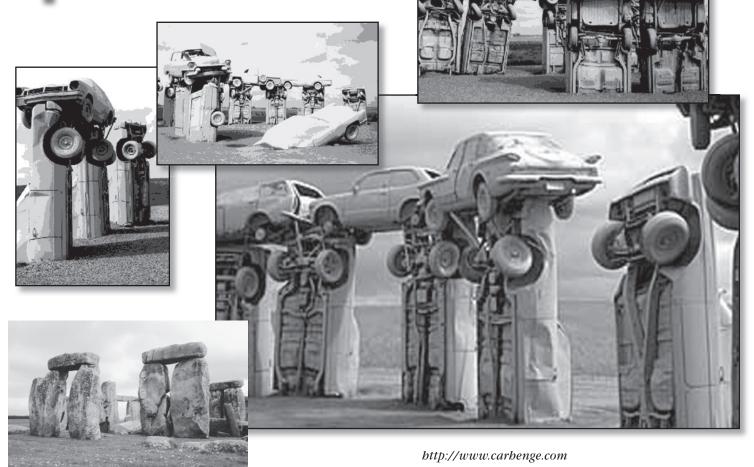
movies

sculpture

weld



Carhenge



Carhenge is in a field near Alliance, Nebraska, along Highway 87. It's set up like Stonehenge, a rock sculpture created about 5,000 years ago in England that charts the phases of the sun and moon. Instead of rocks, Carhenge is made of 38 American-made cars. They are set in a circle about 96 feet across. The cars are anchored in place with concrete and held together with welds. Everything on the cars is painted gray. The sculpture was made in 1987 as part of a family reunion and since then other car sculptures have been added to the field. Carhenge is popular in movies and TV ads.

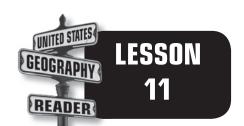
### What can you do at Carhenge?

• As with any art, you can enjoy!

### What does it cost?

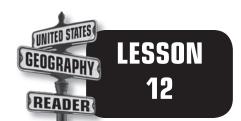
• It's free, but they will gladly take donations





# **Solve the Riddle...**

| <b>Directions:</b> Circle the correct answers. Write the answers in the puzzle to solve the riddle. |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|----------|---------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 1.  | 1. In what state is Carhenge found?  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | England  | Alliance | Nebraska            |     |  |  |  |  |
| 2.  | What shape do the cars form  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | square   | diamond  | circle              |     |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | concrete   | glue     | nails               |     |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  | 4. Which is newer, Stonehenge, Carhenge or the other sculptures at Carhenge? |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | Stonehenge   | Carhenge | others              |     |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  | What do the Carhenge owne  | nate?    |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | money  | paint    | more cars           |     |  |  |  |  |
| 6.  | 6. Where could you see Carhenge without going to Nebraska?                   |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | England  | movies   | all states have one |     |  |  |  |  |
| RIDDLE: Carhenge was built for an event? What kind of event was it?                                 |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   | F M I  | Y        | U                   | O N |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |          |                     |     |  |  |  |  |



# Nebraska: Plainsman Museum

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Directions:** Find the state of Nebraska on the map below. Shade it in. The dot shows where the Plainsman Museum is located. Find your state and shade it in. Put a dot where you live. Draw a line from where you live to the Plainsman Museum.



**Directions:** Answer the following:

- 1. What is one way schools in the 1800s were different from schools now? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is one way toys in the 1800s were different from toys now? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What is one way farms in the 1800s were different from farms today? \_\_\_\_\_

### **WORDS TO KNOW**

**Directions:** Write the words from the **Word List** on the lines next to their meanings.

- 1. Flat, grassy land \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Plays music for money \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Art painted on a wall \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. People in school \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. House made with logs \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Art made with tiles \_\_\_\_\_

### **Word List**

cabin

jukebox

mosaic

mural

plains

students