

Grade 2 Study Guide
Benchmark 1
2009-2010

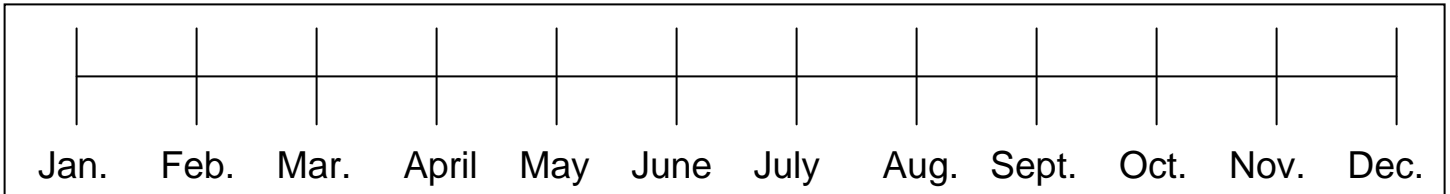
Vocabulary/Concepts	Things to Know
Government	A group of citizens who runs a community.
Citizen	A person who belongs to a community.
Community	A group of people who live or work together in the same place.
Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rule made by a government that people in a community must follow. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – You must obey the speed limit.
Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An instruction telling what must or must not be done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – Use a soft voice in the classroom.
Consequence	Something that happens because of what a person does.
Community Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor – a leader of a city or town government. • Council – a group of citizens chosen to make choices for all the people. • Court – a place where a judge decides whether a person has broken a law. • Judge – a person in charge of a court.
Government Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A service that a government provides for its citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – fire department, schools, and parks.
Tax	Money paid to the government to pay for services.
State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor – the leader of a state’s government. • State legislature – makes laws for the state.
Our Country’s Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress – makes the laws we need to keep order and keep people safe in our country. • President – the elected leader that carries out laws. • Supreme Court – the highest court in the United States. • Constitution – the written plan of government for the United States.
Right	A freedom that citizens have.
Responsibility	Something a citizen should do.
Election	A time when people vote for their leaders.
Vote	A choice that gets counted.
Ballot	A piece of paper that shows the choices for voting.
Patriotism	The feeling of pride people have for their country.
Patriotic Symbols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance – a promise to be true to the flag and to your country. • “The Star-Spangled Banner” – the national anthem of the United States written by Francis Scott Key. • Bald Eagle – the national bird of the United States.

Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Flag Day – celebrated on June 14 to honor the birthday of the flag of the United States. • Independence Day – celebrated on July 4 to remember the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. • Presidents’ Day – celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor Presidents of the United States.
Famous Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Revere – a messenger who warned American leaders they were in danger from the British. • Sojourner Truth - an African American woman who spoke out against slavery. • Susan B. Anthony – a woman who helped women get the right to vote. • Florence Nightingale – the founder of modern nursing. • Helen Keller – an American woman who overcame physical disabilities.
Texas Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen F. Austin – the man who led the first 300 families to Texas and is known as the “Father of Texas.” • Sam Houston – the first elected President of the Republic of Texas. • David Crockett – a leader who was killed at the Alamo while fighting for Texas’ independence.
Battles of the Texas Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of Gonzales – the first battle of the revolution. • Battle of the Alamo – a famous battle that took place in an old mission where many Texans and Americans lost their lives to Santa Anna’s army. • Battle of San Jacinto – the last battle of the revolution in which Texas won its independence from Mexico.
Texas Symbols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mockingbird – state bird. • Bluebonnet – state flower. • Pecan Tree – state tree.
Role	The part a person plays in a group or community.
Cooperate	To work together.
Land Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood – the part of your community in which you live. • City – a large town. • State – a part of a country. • Country – an area of land with its own people and laws that is part of a continent.

Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something a person must have to live. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – food, clothing, and shelter.
Want	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something a person would like to have. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – toy, game, and computer.
Landforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley – low land between hills or mountains. • Mountain – highest kind of land. • Hill – land that rises above the land around it. • Plain – land that is mostly flat. • Island – a piece of land that has water all around it. • Peninsula – land that has water on three sides. • Continent – one of the seven main land areas on Earth.
Bodies of Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake – a body of water that has land all around it. • River – a stream of water that flows across land. • Gulf – a large body of ocean water that is partly surrounded by land. • Ocean – a very large body of salty water.
Maps and Globes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globe – a model of Earth. • Cardinal directions – the main directions of north, south, east, and west. • Equator – an imaginary line that divides Earth in half between north and south.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A natural resource is something found in nature that people can use. • Water is used for drinking, cooking, bathing, and electricity. • Air is used by people, plants, and animals to live. • Trees are used for wood, paper, and food. • Soil is used to grow plants and raise animals to feed people. • Fuel is used to burn for heat or energy. • People use resources to meet their basic needs.
People and the Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest – a large area of trees. • Climate – the kind of weather a place has over time.
Caring for Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation – saving resources to make them last longer. • Pollution - anything that makes air, land, or water dirty. • Recycle – to use things again. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example – We separate used plastic bottles from other trash so they can be made into new things.

Use a Calendar

- There are seven (7) days in a week (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).
- There are 365 days in a year.
- There are twelve (12) months in a year (January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December).
- Know how many months come before other months.
 - Example – Three months come before April.



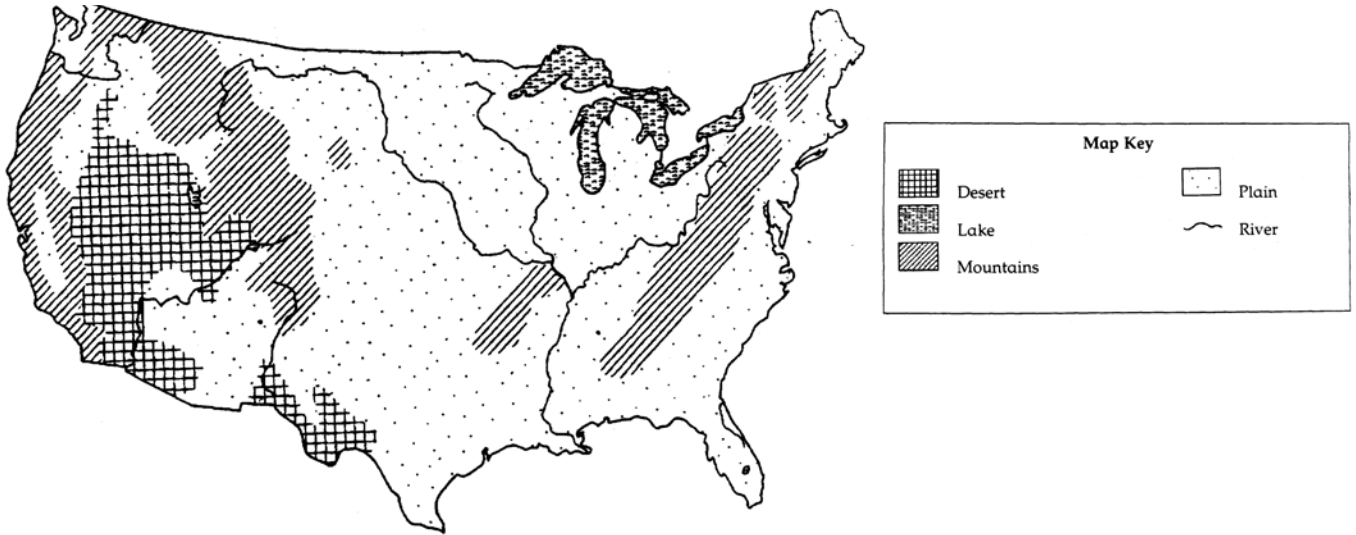
Find States and Capitals and Directions on a Map

- Use the map below.
 - Find the state of Texas.
 - Draw a star where the capital of Texas is located, and write the name of the capital by the star.
 - Write the names of each of the four states that border Texas on the correct state.
 - Which state is north of Texas?
 - Which state is west of Texas?



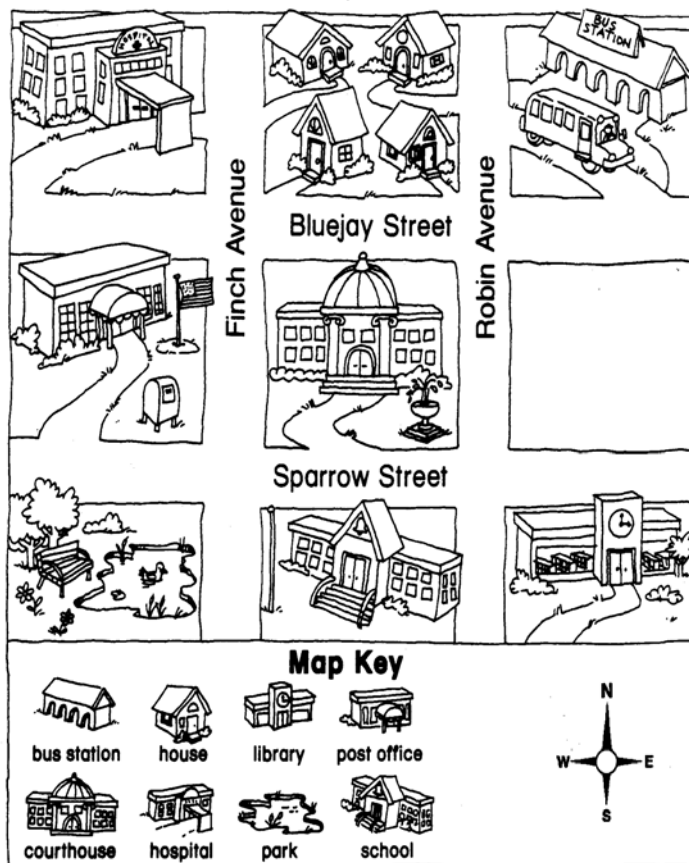
Read a Land and Water Map

- On the map key, color each symbol a different color.
- Follow the map key to color the land and water map.



Read a Map Key

- Use the map below to answer the questions.
 - Which building is located south of the courthouse?
 - Which buildings are located east of the park?
 - Which building is located north of the library?



Landforms

- Use the map to answer the questions.
 - Which continent is this?
 - Draw a circle around the United States.
 - Locate an island, a gulf, a lake, and a peninsula.



Map Scale

- A map scale is used to measure distance on a map.
- Use the map below to answer the questions.
 - About how many miles is it from Reed City to Spencer Mountain?
 - About how many miles is it from Carson Lake to Benton?

