

LINES OF CONNECTION

A GEOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS INVESTIGATION

Trace one feature or movement through a country. Map where it goes, identify important locations, and investigate the geographic forces that shape it.



NAME _____ DATE _____

COUNTRY _____

BOOK _____

1 CHOOSE A CONNECTION

Choose one:

- ☐ River or water system
- ☐ Mountain range, desert, forest, or grassland
- ☐ Animal migration
- ☐ Transportation route
- ☐ Product or resource
- ☐ Movement of people
- ☐ Language, music, story, or idea
- ☐ Connection related to the book
- ☐ Another connection: _____

CONNECTION I AM INVESTIGATING: _____

2 DEFINE THE SYSTEM

Does it move through the country or extend across the land?

- ☐ Moves ☐ Extends

Where does it begin, or where is it mainly located?

Where does it travel or extend? _____

Which two or three locations are important to understanding it?

3 MAP THE CONNECTION

Draw or add a country map. Show the route or area and add two short annotations explaining why particular locations matter.

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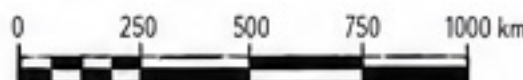
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MAP CHECK

- ☐ Route or area
- ☐ 2-3 important locations
- ☐ Beginning and ending, if applicable
- ☐ Relevant physical feature
- ☐ Border, neighboring country, or body of water
- ☐ Title and map key



ANALYZE THE SYSTEM



4 GEOGRAPHY SHAPES THE SYSTEM

What landform, climate pattern, body of water, resource, or location helps shape this connection? Explain how.

5 WHO OR WHAT IS CONNECTED?

Which places, communities, environments, economies, or ecosystems are linked by it?

6 WHY THIS PATH OR AREA?

Why does the connection follow this route or occupy this area? Use evidence from your map or research.

7 CHANGE OVER TIME

Has its route, purpose, size, or importance changed? What caused the change?

☐ Not enough evidence to determine

8 EFFECTS OF THE CONNECTION

One way it supports people or environments:

One challenge, cost, or unequal effect:

IF INVESTIGATING HUMAN MOVEMENT

Was the movement primarily:

- ☐ Voluntary ☐ Necessary ☐ Forced
☐ Controlled by others ☐ A combination

What evidence supports your answer?

9 GEOGRAPHIC CONCLUSION

This connection matters because it links _____ and _____. Geography shapes it by _____.

10 BOOK CONNECTION

How does investigating this connection confirm, expand, or complicate something presented in the book?

SOURCES: Record at least two reliable sources.

1. _____ 2. _____

