

Passport to New Worlds Reading



Grades 2 – 3

Welcome, Traveler!

Prepare for an incredible adventure! It's time to load up and hit the open road for a journey to exciting destinations across the United States. Each month, you'll have the chance to explore and learn all about a new place!

This passport belongs to:



So, fasten your seatbelt as you:

- Discover fascinating facts on your road trip!
- Complete fun activities that match the books you read!
- Mark your road trip passport with a sticker for every new place you visit!

And, of course, get ready for a whole lot of fun throughout the entire journey!

Double-check that you've packed everything you need because your amazing adventure begins right now!

Road Trip Reading Roadmap

Before You Hit the Road and Read:

- **Cover Exploration:** Explore the front and back covers to discover hints about the exciting story inside!
- **Share Your Knowledge:** Tell your fellow travelers (friends) what you already know about the book's subject.

During the Reading Expedition:

- **Get Cozy for the Journey:** Find a comfy spot, and dive into the reading journey.
- **Rest Stop Discussions:** Take breaks to chat about the unfolding story. Share your predictions.
- **Discover More Fun:** Listen to cool sounds, and talk about how things feel in the story. Let your imagination run wild as you go on a magical adventure with your senses!

After the Road Trip:

- **Personal Connection Point:** Reflect on how the book connects with your own experiences.
- **Word Souvenirs:** Discuss and remember new words as keepsakes from your literary road trip.
- **Map Out the Next Adventure:** Plan your way to the library for your next thrilling read!

Learner's License

Are you geared up for an amazing adventure? Grab your Learner's License, and prepare to hit the road! Share your details, and fasten your seatbelt for an extraordinary journey, exploring different cities across the United States throughout the year. Buckle up for the ride!

Learner's Name:

Age:

Starting Point:

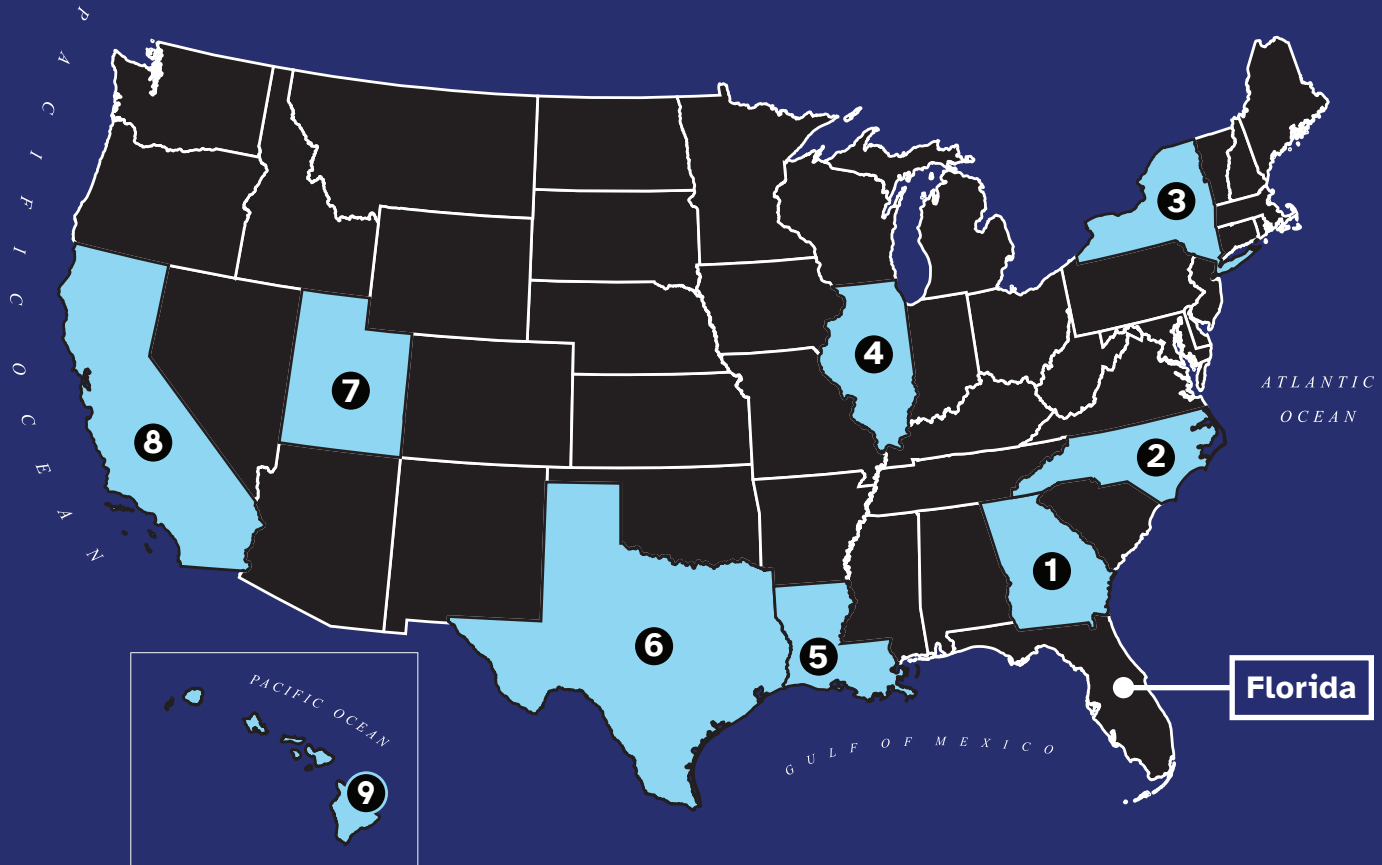
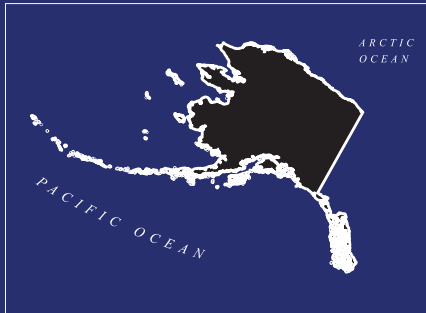
(your hometown in Florida, U.S.A.)

Places I Want to Explore in the United States:

Get ready to cruise through the pages, and explore the wonders of the U.S.—one book at a time!

Caregivers,
Guide your child in tracing the map with their fingers, noting the stops along the way.

If you can access school-type glue, outline the map with a fine glue line, letting it dry to form a raised edge. As you explore each location, mark it with a glue dot to pinpoint its spot in the country.



1. Georgia
2. North Carolina
3. New York
4. Illinois
5. Louisiana
6. Texas
7. Utah
8. California
9. Hawaii

Florida

October

Georgia

Location: Southeastern region of the U.S.

Nickname: The Peach State

Fun Fact: Atlanta is the birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr., a leader who fought for equality and justice.

Animals: White-tailed deer, eastern gray squirrels, and eastern box turtles



Explore Georgia, where peaches grow, and Southern charm shines.

After reading your book, pick a character, and have fun listing two words to describe them, using evidence from the story to support your choices!



Story Title:

Character:

1st Trait:

2nd Trait:

Evidence from the text:

Evidence from the text:

Time to wave bye to the friendly welcomes and sweet peachy vibes of Georgia, and venture to North Carolina's rolling hills and charming towns, where new adventures and discoveries await!

November

North Carolina

Location: Southeastern region of the U.S.

Nickname: Tar Heel State

Fun Fact: Blackbeard, the famous pirate, roamed these seas!

Animals: Black bears, white-tailed deer, and eastern box turtles



Explore North Carolina's natural wonders and rich history, ranging from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Wright brothers' first flight.

After reading your book, make a connection between something you read and something from your life, another text, or the world around you!



When I read ...

It made me think of ...

This is a ...

- Text-to-Self Connection
- Text-to-Text Connection
- Text-to-World Connection

Time to leave the cozy hills of North Carolina and continue to the busy streets of New York. Get ready for new adventures and discoveries in the "Empire State"!

December

New York

Location: U.S. East Coast

Nickname: The Empire State

Fun Fact: The Statue of Liberty has 354 steps leading to the crown.

Animals: Home to squirrels, deer, and even eagles that soar high in the sky



Welcome to New York, where towering skyscrapers and Central Park adventures await.

After reading your book, pick three words you didn't understand, and become a word detective by finding and recording their meanings! Share your findings with an adult.



Interesting Word

What I Think the Word Means

Say goodbye to New York. Now, for even more adventures, zoom over to the fun cities and open fields of Illinois, the "Land of Lincoln"!

January

Illinois

Location: Midwest region of the U.S.

Nickname: The Prairie State

Fun Fact: Springfield, the capital of Illinois, is where Abraham Lincoln, a very important president, lived.

Animals: Raccoons, deer mice, and bobcats



Explore Illinois, where fields of corn stretch far into the distance in the farmlands, and skyscrapers touch the sky in Chicago.

After reading your book, imagine turning your story into music, and share the exciting lyrics you'd create for an epic adventure! Have fun creating a song!



Travel from the busy streets of Illinois to Louisiana's lively bayous, and get ready for great adventures and tasty foods!

February

Louisiana

Location: Southeastern region of the U.S.

Nickname: The Pelican State

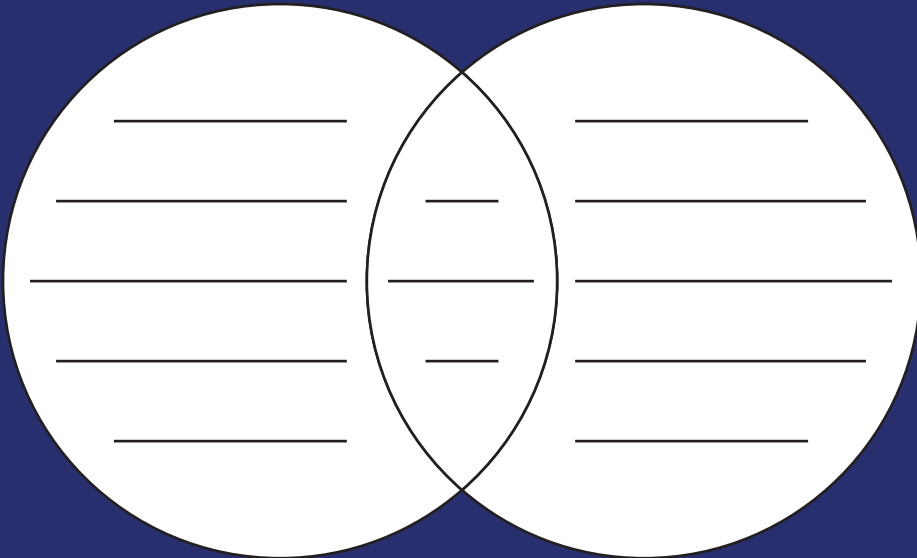
Fun Fact: The city of New Orleans is known as the birthplace of jazz music!

Animals: Alligators, crawfish, and bald eagles



Explore the lively bayous and tasty cuisine of Louisiana, where alligators roam, and jazz music fills the air.

After reading your book, compare and contrast the setting with your home, exploring how they are similar and different.



As you leave behind the fun of Louisiana, you will continue your journey to Texas, where wide-open spaces and friendly folks are ready to share exciting adventures and cowboy tales!

March

Texas

Location: West South Central region of the U.S.

Nickname: The Lone Star State

Fun Fact: Chili, the official state dish of Texas, is often made without beans.

Animals: Nine-banded armadillos, Texas longhorns, and Mexican free-tailed bats



Yee-haw! Welcome to Texas, where wide-open spaces and cowboy tales await.

After reading your book, summarize it! Make sure to include the main idea and key details from the story to share with your fellow adventurers!



Leaving the Lone Star State's big landscapes behind, get ready for the fantastic scenery, like the red rock wonders of Utah, where cool discoveries and outdoor adventures are waiting!

April

Location: Western region of the U.S.

Nickname: The Beehive State

Fun Fact: Utah has an extra-salty lake called the Great Salt Lake. You can float on the water because it's so salty!

Animals: Home to eighteen species of bats



Welcome to Utah, where towering red rock formations and snowy mountains await.

After reading your book, imagine the author wrote a second book with the same characters. Create a summary capturing the excitement of their next thrilling adventure exploring Utah's wild landscapes!



Five horizontal lines for writing a summary.

Exploring the awesome landscapes in Utah was cool. Next up, from great bridges and pretty beaches to incredibly large trees, prepare for your next stop in California!

Utah

May

Location: U.S. West Coast

Nickname: The Golden State

Fun Fact: It is the third-largest state in the U.S.!

Animals: Sea otters, dolphins, and bears



Explore California, where giant redwood trees and sunny beaches await.

After reading your book, share or write three questions you'd like to ask the author about the story.



1. [Blank line for question]

[Blank line for question] ?

2. [Blank line for question]

[Blank line for question] ?

3. [Blank line for question]

[Blank line for question] ?

From the sunny beaches of California, to the tropical magic of Hawaii, wave aloha to your next adventure!

June

Hawaii

Location: Central Pacific Ocean

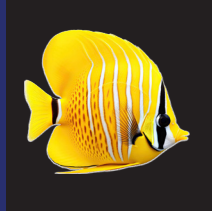
Nickname: The Aloha State

Fun Fact: It is made up of islands formed by volcanoes.

Animals: Whales, dolphins, and endangered Hawaiian monk seals



Fly across the vast Pacific Ocean to Hawaii (spelled **Hawai'i** by the Hawaiian people), where colorful fish dance beneath crystal-clear waters, and volcanoes paint the land with lava.



After reading your book, pick your favorite part. Bring it to life by acting out the story! Use your imagination to represent the events and characters through movement and sounds.



You cannot drive to Hawaii because the islands are about 2,400 miles from the U.S. mainland, across a vast ocean with no roads.

Going all the way across the United States is a big trip! Now, it is time to head back to your final stop—your home state, Florida!

On the Road Memories: Share Your Adventure!

Ready to share all the epic adventures with your friends and family? Keep the excitement rolling by listing your three favorite places.

1.
2.
3.

Before you unpack your stuff, there's one more fun thing to do. Pick the absolute best place from your list. Read the questions, and share your answers with a friend or family member.

- Why do you want to go back there?
- Who's coming along with you?
- What's the very first thing you'll do when you get there?

Road Trip Explorer's Log

Flip through your passport once more, and uncover the details to complete the blanks below.

1. _____
is the birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. Chili is the official state dish of _____.
3. _____
is made up of islands formed by volcanoes.
4. _____
is the third-largest state in the U.S.
5. The Wright brothers took their first flight in _____.
6. Springfield, the capital of _____,
is where Abraham Lincoln, a very important president,
lived.
7. _____
has an extra-salty lake called the Great Salt Lake.
8. The birthplace of jazz music was said to be in New Orleans, _____.
9. The Statue of Liberty is found in _____.

Answers: 1. Georgia 2. Texas 3. Hawaii 4. California 5. North Carolina
6. Illinois 7. Utah 8. Louisiana 9. New York



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