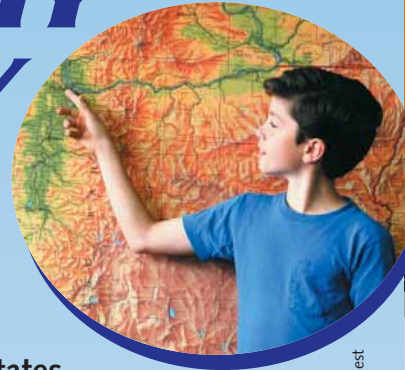


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# GEOGRAPHY JOURNEY

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Y**ou can see incredible mountains, winding rivers, deep oceans, open fields, and much more when you travel across the United States. Follow the train routes on your classroom map to answer the questions below.

**1.** Just like the pioneers, gold prospectors, and the Pony Express, you're part of the earliest transcontinental rail route. You're leaving from San Francisco, Calif., and traveling through Reno, Nev., Salt Lake City, Utah, Denver, Colo., and ending your trip in Chicago, Ill.

- a) What mountain ranges do you cross? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Approximately how many miles are you traveling? \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** Look out the window as you travel from Bakersfield, Calif., to Sacramento, Calif. As you travel through the valley you'll take in plenty of sights.

- a) Name the major California cities you will see. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Describe one national park you could visit along the way. \_\_\_\_\_
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**3.** Traveling from Chicago, Ill., to Portland, Ore., you'll pass through seven states and follow the trail of Lewis and Clark. Along the way you might catch a glimpse of the mountains, the Sears Tower, and Glacier National Park.

- a) What states will you travel through? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What mountains will you pass? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Which of the following regions will you travel through: northwest, southwest, midwest, southeast, or northeast? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



## Extension

Imagine that you are traveling on one of the routes described above. Keep a travel journal and write about how it feels to be a passenger on the train.