

Why Cities Are Where They Are Activity Worksheet

Name _____

Directions: Make a pictograph of the location of cities in the United States.

My pictograph symbol for a city will be



Physical Feature	Number of Cities
Lake	
River	
Ocean	

Now answer these questions.

1. From this chart, where are most cities found?
2. From this chart, where are the least cities found?
3. From this chart, which physical features have more than three cities?
4. From this chart, which physical feature has less than four cities?
5. What are two reasons for building a city near a river?
6. Which is **not** a reason for building a city by the ocean?
 - A. fishing for food
 - B. wood for building houses
 - C. easy to ship products to other places
 - D. swimming and boating

Answer Key

Pictograph information

Lakes -3 (Chicago, Detroit, Salt Lake City)

Rivers – 8 (Sacramento, Memphis, Albuquerque, Boise, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Portland)

Oceans – 6 (Seattle, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Los Angeles, Houston)

1. Rivers
2. Lakes
3. Rivers, oceans
4. Lakes
5. Answers may vary. Any two of the following: transportation, fresh water, agriculture, electricity, fishing, recreation
6. B