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Command The Castle: 2nd Grade World Powers Quiz

Analyze how land and water give leaders special powers before moving on to advanced map-reading units.

1. Imagine two kingdoms. One is on a flat plain, and the other is high on a steep mountain. Why might the Mountain Kingdom be harder to visit?

- A. Mountains are made of delicious chocolate.
- B. Climbing steep hills takes more energy and time.
- C. The flat plain is too cold for horses.
- D. Mountains always have more gold than plains.

2. A country with no rivers or oceans has a harder time trading heavy goods with the rest of the world.

- A. True
- B. False

3. If a small forest is the only place to find wood for heat, two villages nearby might ___ over who owns the trees.

- A. Sleep
- B. Hide
- C. Fight
- D. Dance

4. Switzerland is surrounded by high mountains called the Alps. How did this help them stay out of big wars?

- A. The mountains made it too hard for outside armies to enter.
- B. They hid all their houses inside giant caves.
- C. The mountains provided free Wi-Fi for everyone.
- D. They painted the mountains to look like the sky.

5. A 'chokepoint' is a wide, open ocean where ships can go in any direction.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Countries often make ___, which are like 'pinky promises' to help each other if a neighbor gets bossy.

- A. Sandwiches
- B. Alliances
- C. Gardens
- D. Puzzles

7. The country of Bolivia has no coast on the ocean. Why might they want to be best friends with their neighbor, Chile?

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- A. Chile has better television shows.
- B. To ask for permission to use Chile's ports to reach the sea.
- C. To learn how to grow taller trees.
- D. Chile has a shorter name to spell.

8. A ___ is an invisible line on a map that shows where one leader's rules stop and another's begin.

- A. Border
- B. Crayon
- C. River
- D. Mountain

9. If two countries share one big river, but the country 'upstream' builds a wall to stop the water, what happens to the country 'downstream'?

- A. They get too much water and have a party.
- B. Their crops might dry up because they have less water.
- C. They start growing fish in the desert.
- D. The river starts flowing backward.

10. Geography means only looking at rocks; it has nothing to do with how people choose their leaders.

- A. True
- B. False