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Answer Key: Wrangle Our Big World: A 1st Grade Map and Borders Quiz

Students gain confidence identifying how mountains and rivers act as natural fences between different neighborhoods and countries.

1. Imagine a very tall, rocky mountain stands between two towns. What does the mountain act like?

Answer: B) A natural wall or border

Because mountains are very hard to climb over, they often act as a natural border that separates two different places.

2. A river can be a line that shows where one country ends and another begins.

Answer: A) True

Rivers are often used as borders because they are clear, physical lines on the ground that everyone can see.

3. A _____ is a special drawing that shows us where different countries and lands are located.

Answer: C) Map

Maps are tools used in geography to show the location of places, borders, and land features.

4. If a country has a lot of gold or oil in its ground, other countries usually want to:

Answer: B) Trade or work with them

Natural resources like gold or oil are valuable, so countries often make deals or trade to get what they need.

5. All borders between countries are made of big purple lines on the actual grass.

Answer: B) False

Borders are often invisible lines or natural things like rivers; the colorful lines are only drawn on paper maps.

6. When two countries agree to be friends and help each other, they are making an _____.

Answer: B) Alliance

An alliance is a partnership where countries work together for safety or trade.

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7. Why would a city be built right next to the ocean?

Answer: B) So ships can bring in food and toys

Being near water is important for geopolitics because it allows ships to move goods in and out easily.

8. A country that is completely surrounded by land with no ocean nearby is called _____.

Answer: A) Landlocked

Landlocked means a place has no direct path to the sea, which changes how they trade with others.

9. The place where a country is located on Earth can change how powerful or rich it is.

Answer: A) True

Geography, like having safe borders or good farm land, helps a country grow strong.

10. If a country is an island (surrounded by water), what is their best way to travel far away?

Answer: C) Ships and planes

Islands rely on ships and planes because they are not connected to other countries by land.