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Mountain Walls and River Roads: 2nd Grade Geopolitics Map Challenge

Solve puzzles about how shared water and rocky borders change how neighbors treat each other in this interactive map skill challenge.

1. Imagine two countries share a big lake. Why might they need to make a 'Team Rule' (an alliance)?

- A. To decide who gets to catch the fish
- B. To change the color of the water
- C. To make the lake disappear
- D. To hide the lake from everyone else

2. A tall, snowy mountain range makes it easy for two countries to visit each other every day.

- A. True
- B. False

3. A country that is completely surrounded by land with no ocean nearby is called _____. This makes it harder for them to trade using big ships.

- A. An island
- B. A peninsula
- C. Landlocked
- D. A continent

4. If a small country is located right between two very powerful countries, what is a likely challenge they face?

- A. They never have any neighbors
- B. They have to be very careful to stay friends with both sides
- C. They have to live underwater
- D. They are allowed to own the moon

5. The _____ River flows through many different countries. These countries must talk to each other to make sure the water stays clean for everyone.

- A. Danube
- B. Local
- C. Dry
- D. Invisible

6. If a country has a very long coastline with many docks, it is usually good at trading with other parts of the world.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Why might two countries argue over a forest that sits right on their border?

- A. Because they both want the wood and land
- B. Because the trees can walk away
- C. Because the forest is purple
- D. Because the forest is too small to see

8. In the desert, a tiny area with fresh water called an _____ can be the most important place for miles, causing people to protect it carefully.

- A. Ocean
- B. Oasis
- C. Iceberg
- D. Mountain

9. Borders between countries are always straight lines drawn with a ruler.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these is a way geography helps protect a country from being attacked?

- A. Having many colorful flags
- B. Being an island far away from others
- C. Being very flat and easy to walk on
- D. Having no walls or fences