

GEOGRAPHY: “Be a Good Sport!!”



Directions: Read the descriptions of major league sports teams (baseball, basketball, and football). You will write your responses in the spaces provided. Determine which numbered city (on the separate map) is the location of the team described and list that number next to **MAP LOCATION**—not all numbered cities will be used. Then, fill in the **LOCATION NAME** along with the **TEAM NAME**—Some cities will be used more than once. Work fast, accurately, and **HAVE FUN!!**
(Note: MLB = Major League Baseball | NBA = National Basketball Association | NFL = National Football League)

A. The name of this **NBA team** reflects its Dutch origins, specifically their clothing. The Dutch settlers who came to New Amsterdam in the 1600s wore pants—called “knickerbockers”—that rolled up just below the knees.

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B. This **MLB team’s** name is the nickname of the significant geographic feature that Lewis and Clark had to cross.

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C. The California Gold Rush (year?) was the influence for this **NFL team’s** name. This city is known for its “golden” bridge.

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D. This **MLB team’s** name is a shortened word for the space-traveling members of NASA—once played in a domed stadium.

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E. This **NBA team’s** name reflects the cattle/ranching heritage of the region and this city is noted for its Riverwalk.

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F. This **NFL team** is named for those who fought for independence from British rule during the Revolutionary War. Located in the colonial region that had rocky soils, this city was the site of two famous events and home of Paul Revere.

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G. This **MLB team** is named for a young bear, best known for day baseball and its ivy-covered outfield walls. “Holy cow!!”

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H. This **NFL team’s** name honors the Scandinavian heritage of the area and refers to the warriors/explorers who raided, traded, explored, and settled wide areas of Europe from the late-8th to mid-11th century.

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I. This **NFL team’s** name describes a major industry of the area—a product important to the growth of American industry and railroads after 1855. Once known as Fort Duquesne and renamed to honor British Prime Minister William Pitt.

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J. This **MLB team** used to be located on the East Coast and its name refers to how its residents avoided trolley street cars.

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K. This **NBA team** was named to honor the Irish immigrants who at one time made up a large portion of the city’s population. This city was home to the Sons of Liberty, featured a “massacre,” and hosted a famous “party.”

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L. This **NBA team** is located where the Declaration of Independence was created and named for the year it was signed.

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M. This **NFL team** gets its name from the meat-packing industry important to the area. The nickname given to their fans—“Cheeseheads”—reflects yet another important industry in the area.

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N. This **NBA team** is named for an automobile part, reflecting the importance of this industry in the “Motor City.”

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O. This **MLB team** is named for the famous law enforcement group founded in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin.

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P. This **NFL team** is located near the geographic center of the country. Its mascot is the leader of a Native American tribe.

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Q. The name of this popular **MLB team** is a term sometimes used to describe people living in the northern United States. The British used it as a derogatory term in the 1770s, but the locals liked the song and thought it “dandy.”

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R. Originally located in the “Land of 10,000 Lakes,” this **NBA team** moved west in 1960 and was once led by a Magic man.

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S. This **NBA team’s** name reflects the importance of the space industry to the city—Johnson Space Center is located here.

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T. Located at the mouth of the Mississippi River, this **NFL team** is named for the city’s favorite jazz song. Who dat?!

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U. This **MLB team** was originally based in Montreal, Canada. Now located in the nation’s capital, its nickname salutes the federal government of the United States.

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V. The name of this **NBA team** is a holdover from when it was located in “The Crescent City.” Its name somehow does not fit the image of the founders of its current city, which was the terminus of the famed Mormon Trail.

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W. This **MLB team’s** name is a salute to the Spanish missionaries, the first Europeans to inhabit the region.

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X. The name of this **NBA team** reflects the average climate of the peninsula it’s located on. It’ll really make you sweat!!

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Y. This **NFL team** is located in a large southeastern city that was burned down by Union forces during the Civil War. Its winged mascot is considered an endangered species.

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Z. This **NBA team** is located in the Midwest and one name says it all: Michael Jordan.

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BONUS. While the team’s location and name has changed, this original **AFL team’s** name came from “black gold” and reflected the petroleum industry’s importance to the city. The team relocated in 1997 to the Volunteer State.

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This Geography assignment is DUE WEDNESDAY (5/7/14) at the start of class!!