

Handout: A Summer Day

It was a great summer day! The air was cool but felt warm on my back as my father and I loaded firewood onto the pickup truck. There were some maple, pine, and oak, but most of the wood was white birch. After loading the truck we drove home on the dirt road that led out of the woods.

It's my job to stack the firewood neatly in the shed next to our corn silos. It's also my responsibility to make sure that our herd of Guernseys is properly fed. I'm going fishing in our pond after I finish my chores. That's my favorite part of a summer day!

1. In what states are the following coordinates found?

A. 33° N latitude, 112° W longitude. Name the state. _____

B. 47° N latitude, 105° W longitude. Name the state. _____

C. 44° N latitude, 89° W longitude. Name the state. _____

D. 28° N latitude, 82° W longitude. Name the state. _____

2. This story most likely takes place in which one of the above states?

Give reasons for your answer.

3. Select one of the coordinates above or your own set and write two paragraphs (similar to the paragraphs above) describing some of the physical and cultural features of the area. Show your paragraphs (or read them aloud) to a classmate and see if he or she can determine which location (coordinates) you were describing.
