

Selected Response (SR) Sample Items Grades 1 and 2
Social Studies

Sample 1

The map shows the Shoshone Indian Lands, where Sacagawea lived, and the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



Based on the map, what conclusion can be drawn about Sacagawea?

- A. Sacagawea knew the land, people, and resources Lewis and Clark would need to complete their journey.
- B. Sacagawea could only help Lewis and Clark speak to other Shoshone Indians.
- C. Sacagawea would not be able to help Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific Ocean.



Answer Key	
Answer Choice	Rationale
A.	<i>Correct Answer;</i> The student has made the connection between Sacagawea's homelands and her familiarity with local people, plants, and landforms. Based on the map, the student understands that this knowledge would be useful to Lewis and Clark's mission.
B.	The student may have made an assumption based on limited knowledge of Sacagawea. The student may assume that Sacagawea's linguistic talents were limited to the boundaries of her tribe's settlement. The student may not have considered that Sacagawea could have traveled well beyond her tribal lands and have encountered natives from surrounding tribes.
C.	The student attempted to make a connection between the map given but may assume that Sacagawea's knowledge and usefulness is limited to the boundaries of her tribe's homeland. The student may think that if she did not live in an area directly linked to the Pacific Ocean, she would not have knowledge of how to get there.



Sample 2

Ava wants a watch but does not know if she should use the money she has saved or use barter to get the watch.

Which statement **BEST** supports the idea that it will be harder for Ava to use barter to get the watch?

- A. If she uses money to get the watch, the price will tell her how much she will have to spend.
- B. If she uses barter, she can find more people who will trade for a watch because everyone has a watch.
- C. If she uses barter, she will need to find someone who has the watch she wants and wants something that she has.

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A.	The student may not understand that when you barter you may not always “pay” the same thing each time. If she trades a Barbie doll for the watch, she may have to give one person one Barbie doll, but she may have to give another person two Barbie dolls.
B.	The student may not understand that using barter will make the exchange more difficult. Even though many people own a watch, not everyone will be willing to exchange with Ava, and Ava must have something they want.
C.	<i>Correct Answer;</i> The student understands that it is more difficult to use barter to get the things you want.

