

Reading Worksheet: A City Like No Other

1. Read this brochure and locate the places by identifying the cardinal points on the map:



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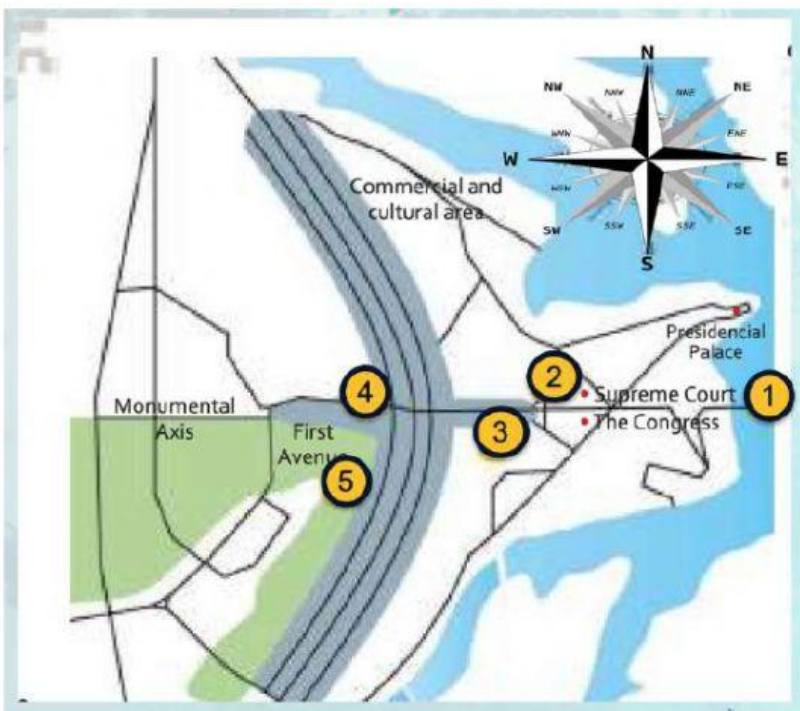
Brasilia is a unique city that was declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO because of its organization and great architecture. Most of its buildings were designed by the famous architect Oscar Niemeyer, known worldwide for his futuristic views. The city has the shape of an airplane and is divided by a **Monumental Axis** (main road) into the northern and southern sectors. The arched roads that intersect the axis encompass the commercial and cultural area. There are sectors assigned for commerce, housing, hospitals and banking.

Brasilia is very convenient. It offers a variety of experiences for all kinds of travelers. If you prefer the city, you'll love its architecture, monuments, cultural and entertaining centers. For example, on the southeast side of the axis, you'll find the **City Cathedral** with its impressive architecture as it looks like two hands put together moving towards the sky. Don't miss it. At one end, on the northeastern part of the axis you find the **Three Powers Square**. In this area of the city you can also find buildings like **the Congress** (two tall buildings), **the Presidential Palace** and the **Supreme Court**.

In the middle of the axis and the intersection, we can find the **TV Tower**, a spectacular place to see the whole city from. If you like adventure and eco-activities, you can visit the **City Park**, which is much larger than New York's Central Park. It is a perfect place to go jogging, cycling, or just having a picnic. It's located on the southwest side of the monumental axis.

Another green alternative is **Paranoá Lake**. It is all around the east part of the city. You can practice water sports and even swim. **The Paranoá Lake Bridge** is another excellent place to watch Brasilia's famous sunsets. A very important thing about Brasilia is its transportation system. The bus system can take you anywhere inside the city fast because the city was designed without the need of many traffic lights and this makes the traffic very smooth. Besides this, there is a subway system that connects important and far areas with the city center.

MAP



Places

1. Paranoá Lake

2.

3.

4.

5.

2. Look for reasons that support the following opinions:

Opinion	Support (Why is that?)
Brasilia is a unique city.	<i>It is organized and has great architecture...</i>
Brasilia is very convenient.	
The cathedral has impressive architecture.	
Brasilia has an effective transportation system.	

3. Complete the following sentences:

- a. Tourists can see great sunsets in _____.
- b. The monumental axis divides the city into _____.
- c. You can practice water sports in _____.
- d. If you don't have a car, you can go around the city of Brasilia by _____
and _____.