

Lesson

4

Big Idea

You are a citizen of your city, state, and country.

Vocabulary

city
suburb
state
country

A Citizen of Many Communities

Patty is making a model of the homes, buildings, and streets in her neighborhood. Patty's neighborhood is part of the city of Pittsburgh. A **city** is a very large town.



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Pittsburgh

Understanding Places and Regions

Pittsburgh is located where the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela rivers join. Bridges connect downtown Pittsburgh to its many suburbs. A **suburb** is a community near a large city.

Locate It United States



Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania

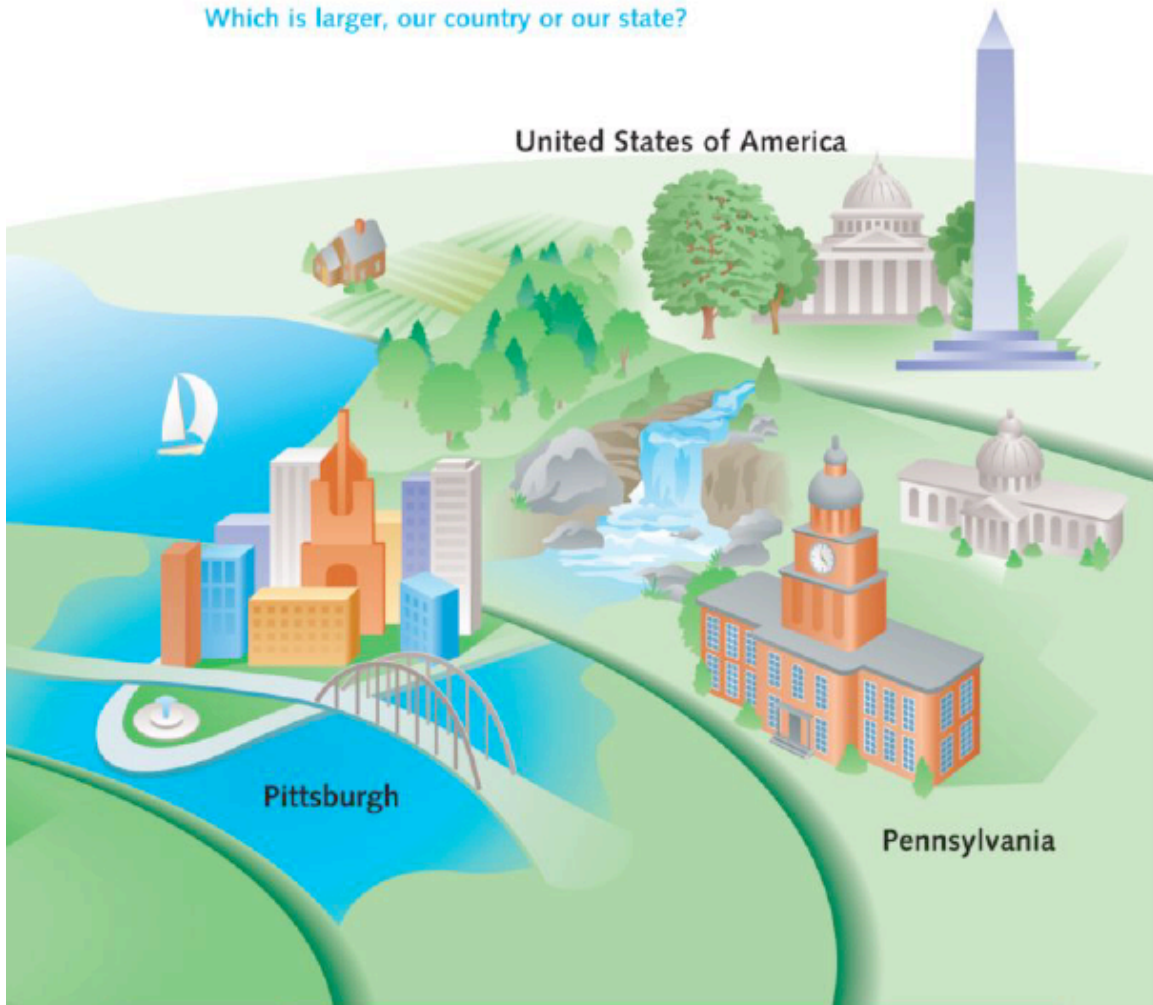


Together many cities, towns, and smaller communities form a **state**. Patty lives in the state of Pennsylvania. Our country has 50 states, or parts. The United States of America is our country. A **country** is an area of land with its own people and its own rules.

Patty is a citizen of the city of Pittsburgh and of the state of Pennsylvania. She is also a citizen of the United States of America.



Which is larger, our country or our state?



LESSON 4
Review

- 1 **Vocabulary** In what **state** do you live?
- 2 How is a city different from a town?
- 3 Locate your community, state, and country on a map.



Read a Map Key

Vocabulary

map key

map symbol


► Why It Matters

Maps help you find places.

► What You Need to Know

The title of a map tells you what the map shows. The **map key** tells you what the symbols mean. A **map symbol** is a picture or drawing on a map that stands for a real thing on Earth.

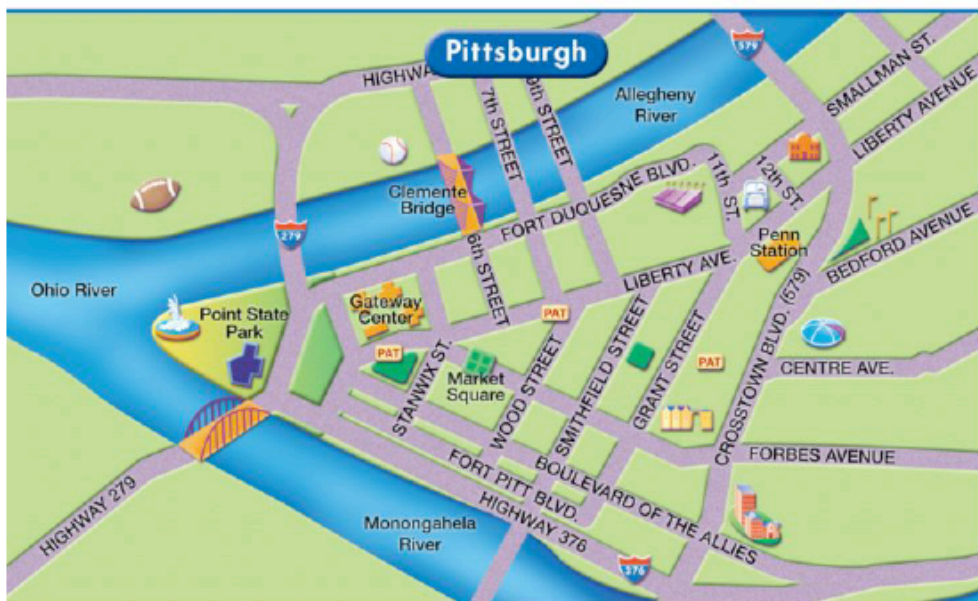
Map Key

-  Baseball Park
-  Bus Terminal
-  Convention Center
-  Courthouse
-  Duquesne University
-  Football Stadium
-  Ft. Pitt Museum
-  Fountain
-  History Center
-  Mellon Arena
-  PAT Transit (light rail)



Practice the Skill

- 1 What is the title of this map?
- 2 What symbols are shown in the map key?
- 3 On what street is the History Center?
- 4 What street would you take to get from the Courthouse to Market Square?



Apply What You Learned

Make a map of your city or town. Add a title and a map key.



Practice your map and globe skills with the GeoSkills CD-ROM.