

Wisconsin: A Place with a Past

Activity 2.1: Your Cosmic Address

Teacher Materials

Preparation/Organization The only materials needed for this activity are the two student worksheets for Activity 2.1. The activity may be done with the whole class, small groups of 3 to 5 students, supervised individuals, or individual students working on their own.

Procedure

1. Hand out copies of Student Pages 1–2 and work with students through the instructions at the top of the first page. (**Note:** If your students live in an area that uses RFD or fire road numbers, make sure they understand how this system relates to the house numbers and street names of other addresses.)
2. Read and discuss the directions with students, making sure students understand how to do the activity. Complete the first line or two with them. Then give students time to complete the activity on their own. When students have finished, ask volunteers to share their responses, using this as an opportunity to correct errors and reconcile any discrepancies that occur.

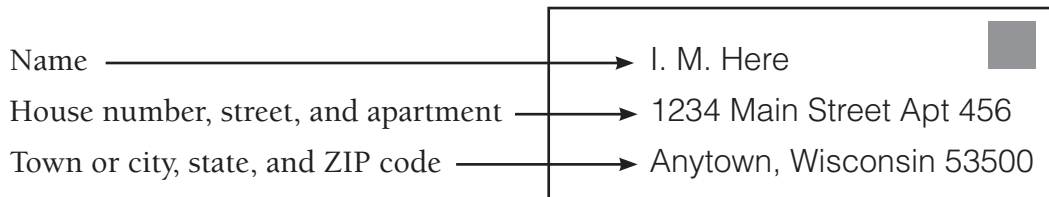
Answers

Student answers will vary, but each student should have filled in each line of his or her cosmic address. Make sure students understand that their cosmic addresses include two hemispheres—in this case, Northern and Western.

Name _____ Date _____

Activity 2.1 Your Cosmic Address

When you see your address on something that comes in the mail, it usually looks like this:



If you think about it, though, there is more to where you live than this. You also have a **cosmic address**. It includes your county and your country. It also includes your continent (North America, South America, etc.), as well as the hemispheres in which you live (Northern or Southern, Eastern or Western) and your planet.

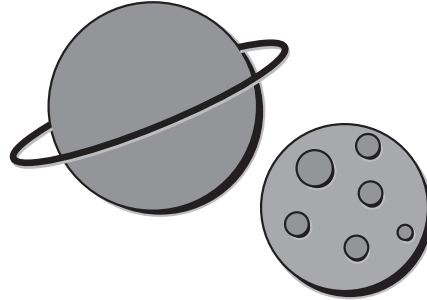
Fill in the following to write your complete, cosmic address:

- Name _____
- Street number _____ Street name _____ Apt _____
- Village or City _____
- County (NOT country) _____
- State (abbreviated) _____
- Zip code _____
- Country (NOT county) _____
- Continent _____
- Hemispheres _____
- Planet _____

Name _____ Date _____

Here are some more interesting facts about your cosmic address.

- The Earth is one of the eight planets in our solar system.
- Our solar system is one of more than 100 billion star systems in the Milky Way Galaxy.
- The Milky Way is one of the largest of about 30 galaxies in the Local Group of galaxies.
- The Local Group lies near the outskirts of the Local Supercluster, which is also called the Virgo Supercluster.



To learn even more about your cosmic address, take a look at this web site:

- <http://www.atlasoftheuniverse.com/>