Why Cities Are Where They Are Activity Worksheet

Directions: Make a pictograph of the location of cities in the United States. My pictograph symbol for a city will be [ ]

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Now answer these questions.

1. From this chart, where are most cities found? ______________________

2. From this chart, where are the least cities found? ________________

3. From this chart, which physical features have more than three cities?
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4. From this chart, which physical feature has less than four cities?
   _____________________________________________________________

5. What are two reasons for building a city near a river?
   _____________________________________________________________

6. Which is not a reason for building a city by the ocean?
   A. fishing for food
   B. wood for building houses
   C. easy to ship products to other places
   D. swimming and boating
**Answer Key**

*Pictograph information*

Lakes -3 (Chicago, Detroit, Salt Lake City)

Rivers – 8 (Sacramento, Memphis, Albuquerque, Boise, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City, Portland)

Oceans – 6 (Seattle, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Los Angeles, Houston)

1. Rivers
2. Lakes
3. Rivers, oceans
4. Lakes
5. Answers may vary. Any two of the following: transportation, fresh water, agriculture, electricity, fishing, recreation
6. B