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South Dakota State Archives Digital Map Activities: “Good Roads Everywhere,” 1916

Use these maps to answer the questions below.

- [“Good Roads Everywhere,” 1916](#)
- [Official State Highway Map \(Medium Resolution\)](#)

1. What states surround South Dakota?
2. What causes the eastern edge of South Dakota to have a curvy boundary?
3. Compare the names of the counties on these maps. Which county names do we not have today?
4. Find where you live on both maps.
 - a. Is your town listed on both maps?
 - b. Is your town still in the same county as it was in 1916?
 - c. Has the size of your county changed? Is it bigger or smaller now?
5. Names of our towns can come from many sources. Take a look at some of the town names.
 - a. Find two towns named after a landscape feature.
 - b. Find two towns named after a person
 - c. Find two towns named after other cities or towns.
6. Why do you think they called the 1916 map “Good Roads Everywhere”? What is the purpose of this map?