

Have your students use this map to answer the questions below.

“Official Road Map,” 1930

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Look closely at the map legend in the bottom left corner of this map.

1. Find a paved road in South Dakota.

a. Where is it?

There are five areas of paved road within the state boundaries: northwest of Rapid City, surrounding Sioux Falls, just east of Canton, south of Yankton, and leading into southeast South Dakota from Sioux City.

b. Approximately how many miles long is it? (Hint: A piece of yarn or string can help you compare the length of the road with the map scale.)

Rapid City - 8 miles

Sioux Falls - 7-8 miles

Canton - 3-4 miles

Yankton - 1-2 miles

from Sioux City - 12 miles

2. According to this map, how many people lived in Spearfish in 1930?

1,349

3. What does the  symbol on the map mean?

Cities and towns with Standard Oil Company service stations

4. Who created and published this map?

The Standard Oil Company

5. What was the purpose of this map?

The map was created to advertise the Standard Oil Company service stations and products to tourists and other travelers.