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South Dakota State Archives Digital Map Activities: “Official Road Map,” 1930 [Teacher Version]

Have your students use this map to answer the questions below. Look closely at the map legend in the bottom left corner of the map.

- [“Official Road Map,” 1930](#)

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 this 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.