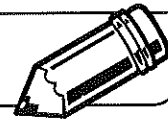


LESSON
4•3**A Trip through the Panama Canal**

The Panama Canal crosses the country of Panama near its capital city, Panama City. The canal connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Pretend that you will travel by ship from New York, through the Panama Canal, to Los Angeles.

1. Use the map below to decide on a route your ship will take.
Then use a pencil to draw this route on the map.
2. Estimate the length of the route you have chosen. Use a ruler, string, compass, paper and pencil, or any other tool. _____ mi
3. How much longer is your route than the straight-line distance from New York to Los Angeles? _____ mi

