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Name_____ Period_____ Date_____

Your Party (circle one)   Democrat   Republican

The area above represents six California U.S. Congressional Districts. Each district is composed of six blocks, or squares. Each one of these squares may be thought of as towns, or neighborhoods. As stated, it takes six of these to make up a Congressional district.

It is 2010, the year of the U.S. Census. Between 2010 and the 2012 Congressional elections, your state must be reapportioned. You are a member of the California Assembly. You are a member of the **majority** party. The majority leader of the Assembly has given you the task of arranging – or gerrymandering - the area above to the advantage of your party.

Your task is to draw six Congressional districts of six blocks each so that *your party* has a **majority** in at least four of the six districts. The six blocks must be contiguous (touch each other). Outline each district in a different color, and/or number the districts 1 – 6. Please be aware that in the area above, there are as many Democratic areas (blocks) as there are Republican areas. Begin gerrymandering!

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