A Summer Day

Read the brief passage below. Find the locations in question 1 using a map of the United States. Use the clues in the passage and the locations to solve the puzzle. Use atlases to help in identifying the state referred to in the passage.

It was a great summer day! The air was cool but felt warm on my back as my father and I loaded firewood onto the pickup truck. There was some maple, pine, and oak, but most of the wood was white birch. After loading the truck we drove home on the dirt road that led out of the woods.

It is my job to stack the firewood neatly in the shed next to our corn silos. It’s also my responsibility to make sure that our herd of guernseys is properly fed. I am going to go fishing in our pond after I finish my chores. That’s my favorite part of a summer day!

1. In what states are the following coordinates found?
   
a. 33° N latitude, 112° W longitude. Name the state. ________________________________

   b. 47° N latitude, 105° W longitude. Name the state. ________________________________

   c. 44° N latitude, 89° W longitude. Name the state. ________________________________

   d. 28° N latitude, 82° W longitude. Name the state. ________________________________

2. This story most likely takes place in which of the above states? Give reasons for your answers.
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3. Select one of the coordinates above and write two paragraphs describing some of the physical and cultural features of the area on the back of this worksheet. Show your paragraphs to a classmate and see if he or she can determine which location (coordinates) you are describing.