

Crack the Code

Expert's name:

The famous sleuth, C. Art Ographer, needs your help. Robbers broke into the Royal Geographical Society in London and stole armfuls of priceless maps. Finding them would be hopeless, except that they dropped a scrap of paper with some odd scribbles on it. At the top is a rhyme that seems to be some sort of mysterious code:

*"Take first letters from each place is the deed.
Spell out the town and come with speed."*

But the note doesn't mention any places! All you see are weird combinations of letters and numbers. Ographer is puzzled and ready to give up. Luckily, you have Mrs. Laird for social studies class and realize those numbers are coordinates! Your memory on latitude and longitude is fresh and you know those imaginary lines help us locate places.

(1) Find those places in an atlas or on a map. (2) As you find each place, write its name next to the coordinates. (3) Circle the first letter of each name. (4) Read the letters from top to bottom, and they should spell the name of a city. Now you know where to nab those crafty crooks.

80 N 40 W _____

0 80 W _____

60 N 10 E _____

10 N 40 E _____

10 N 70 W _____

23.5 S 140 E _____

Answer: _____

Bonus*** What is the significance of the famous sleuth's odd name?