## Terms, People, and Places

Five Themes of Geography:

Three Kinds of Maps:

**Natural Resources:** 

Land Terms:

Water Terms:

## **Lesson Objectives**

- Explain how geography impacts human development
- Analyze how human activity impacts our natural world
- Identify key terms and themes of geography

## Summary

"Geography and Its Impacts"

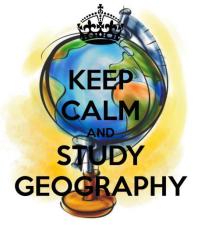
The study of geography helps us understand its impacts on human development. Human activity greatly impacts the natural world we live in.

## Aim #1b: How does geography impact us?



## What is geography?









## Why study geography?







Why is geography important in studying the world?

## **Kinds of Maps**

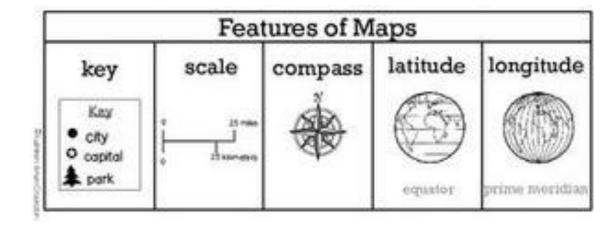






## Features of a Map

- Title
- Compass Rose
- Colors/Symbols
- Key/Legend
- Scale
- Grid: Longitude/Latitude





What are the different types of maps and what purpose does each serve?

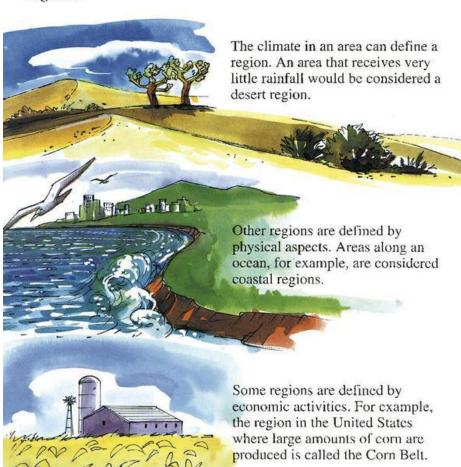
## **Five Themes of Geography**

Tools to analyze geographic information given in photographs, charts, & maps



#### Region

Areas of the world that have common characteristics are called **regions.** 



Location

There are two kinds of location.

The **absolute location** of an area is its exact location on the earth. People use lines of latitude and longitude to determine absolute location.

Lines of latitude go around the earth in an east-west direction above and below the equator.

Lines of longitude run in a northsouth direction and meet at the poles.





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The relative location of a place refers to its position when compared to a known landmark. People often use relative location when giving directions. For example, you might tell a friend that your home is three blocks west of your school.

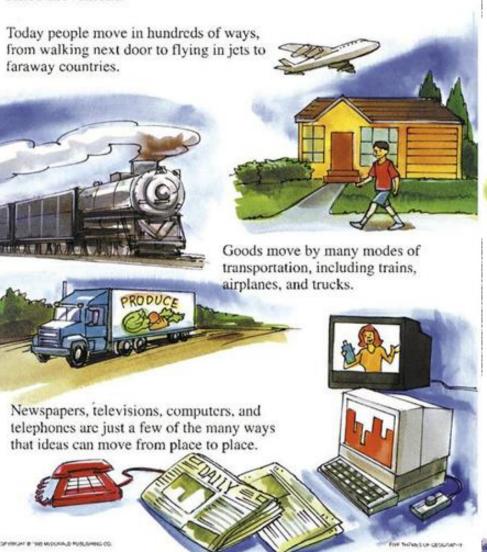
#### **Place**

**Place** refers to the physical and human characteristics of an area. These characteristics affect what it's like to be in the area.



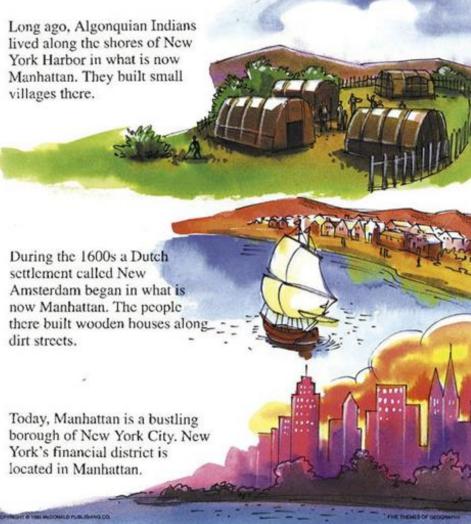
#### Movement

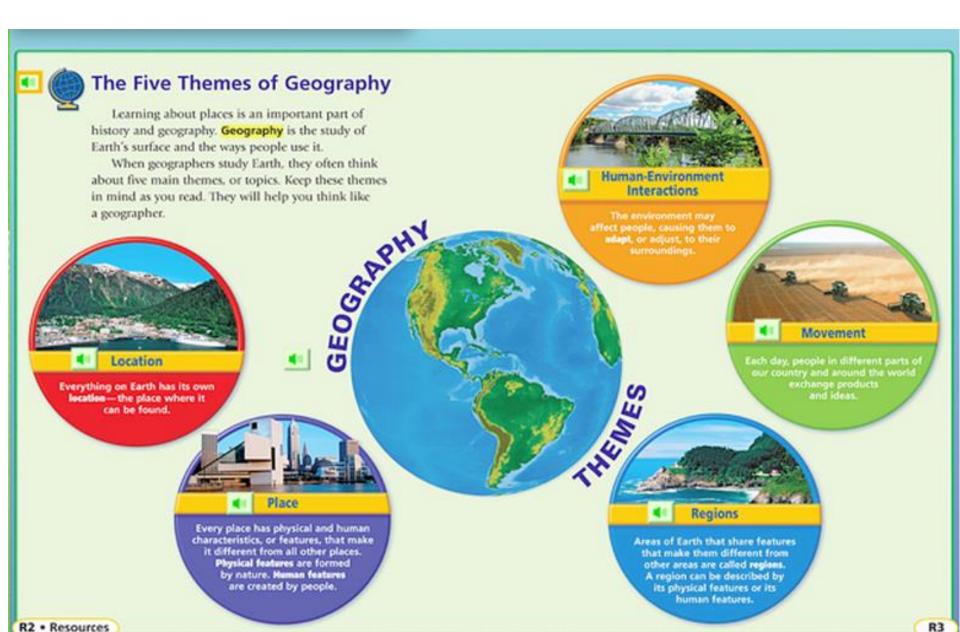
The way people, goods, and ideas travel from place to place is called **movement**.



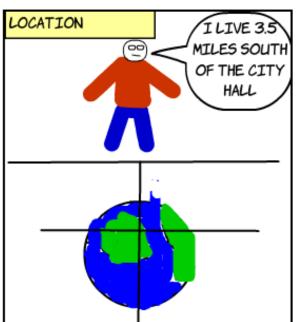
#### **Human-Environmental Interaction**

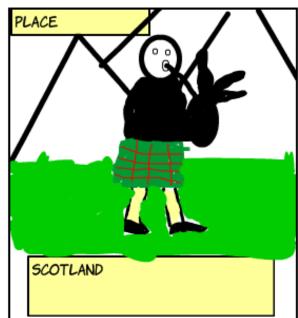
Human-environmental interaction refers to the way the earth appears as a result of how humans have changed it.

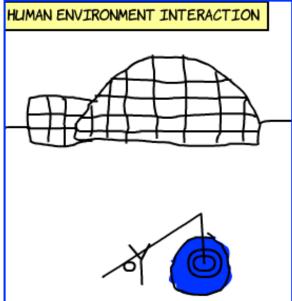


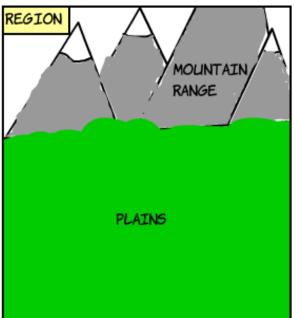


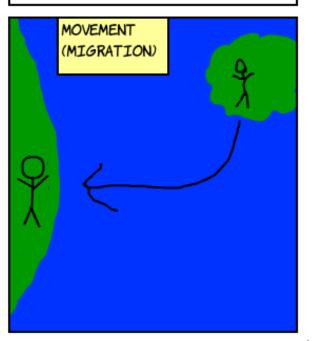






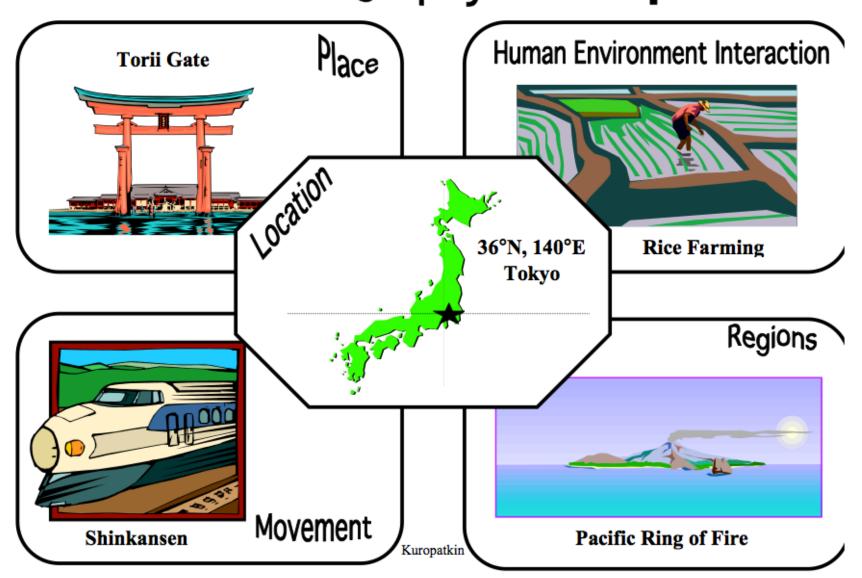






## 5 Themes of Geography:

## <u>Japan</u>





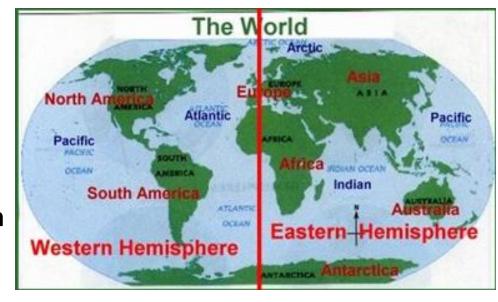
How are humans impacting and are being impacted by the environment?

## Developing a Sense of Place...

- Circle every mentioned geographic feature
- Think about how that feature might impact the region it is next to.

# Developing a Sense of Place... Continents & Oceans

- Geographers divided land masses of world into separate areas called continents
  - ➤ 7 continents in order of size: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, & Australia
- N. America, S. America, & part of Antarctica make up Western Hemisphere
- Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, & part of Antarctica make up Eastern Hemisphere
- Most of Earth's surface is covered by water
  - ocean; extremely large body of salt water
  - 4 oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic



#### **North America**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest continent
- bordered by 3 oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, & Arctic
- S. of Mexico, land narrows into C. America, strip of land that connects to S. America

#### Impact of Geography:

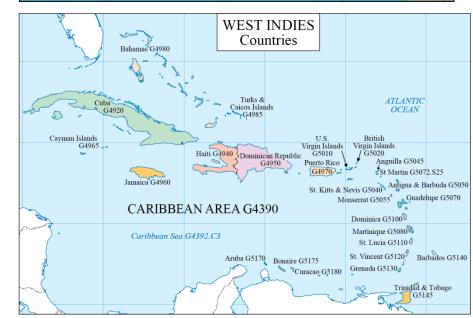
- much of history, N. America's location separated it from civilizations of Africa, Asia, & Europe
- ➢ Bec. of its large size, N. America has wide range of climates. To N. is extremely cold in winter, while to S., climate is generally hot
- ➤ Fertile plains & protection of oceans helped the U.S. to develop a prosperous democracy in the past 200+ years



## **Central America & West Indies**

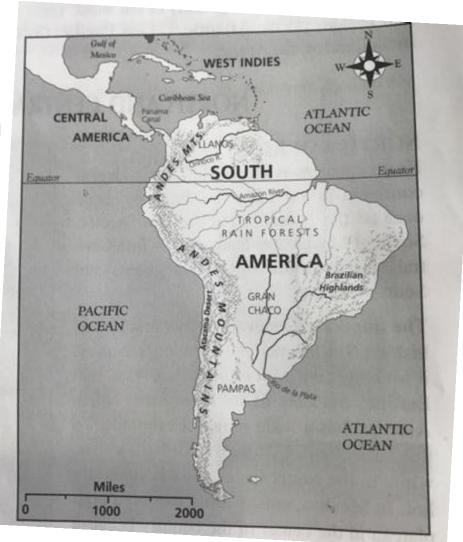
- consists mainly of mountains & rain forests
- NE of C. America are West Indies, large number of islands in Caribbean; include Cuba & Jamaica
- At one time, these islands produced most of world's sugar
- Latin America often applied to Americas S. of U.S.; Mexico, C. America, W. Indies, & S. America
  - known as Latin America bec. the people mainly speak Spanish & Portuguese, languages derived from Latin





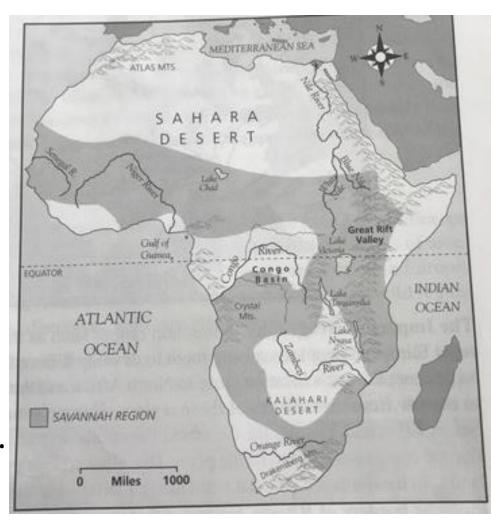
#### **South America**

- surrounded by Pacific & Atlantic Oceans, & connected to C. America by Panama
- Impact of Geography:
  - Much of S. America is warm bec. of location near equator
  - ➤ Amazon, most important river & 2<sup>nd</sup> longest river on earth
  - world's largest rain forest, Amazon rain forest, occupies most of NE S. America
  - ➤ Andes Mountains run along W. side of S. America & are among highest mountains on earth
  - Mountains, rain forests, & poor soils = S. America's land unproductive
  - 2 important exceptions; pampas & Llanos, large grassy, treeless plains in SE & NE
  - Most S. Americans live along coast or on these fertile plains



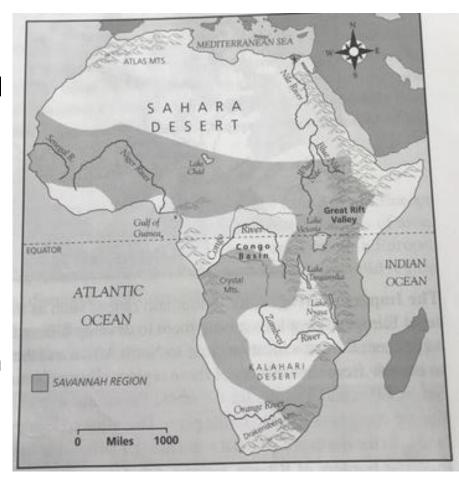
#### **Africa**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest continent; 50+ countries
- Most of Africa is a plateau w/ a narrow coastline
- divided into 2 separate regions: North Africa & sub-Saharan Africa
- North Africa: mainly ppl of Arab descent & Muslims
  - more closely tied to Middle East than to rest of Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa: area S. of Sahara Desert w/ very diff. climate & topography from N. Africa
  - ➤ W/ its non-Arab population, sometimes viewed as a separate & distinct region



## Africa; Impact of Geography

- N. Africa warm & dry climate
- On N. border is Mediterranean Sea
- Sahara, world's largest desert, takes up most N. Africa; For centuries, acted as barrier separating ppls N. & S. of it
- Nile, world's longest river, flows through N. Africa; made possible rise of ancient Egypt
- large part of sub-Saharan Africa is savanna; provides best land in Africa for growing crops & raising livestock
- In E. Africa, Great Rift Valley runs through highlands of Ethiopia & Kenya
- Africa's mountains, deserts, lakes, & rivers have kept diff. groups apart, causing them to develop separate cultures = tribalism
- nearness to ME & Europe led to spread of Islam & Christianity, slave trade & imperialism



## **Europe**

- Europe & Asia share same land mass; so large, geographers divided it into 2 continents
- dividing line bet.
   Europe & Asia runs
   through center of
   Russia, along Ural
   Mountains & Ural River
   into Caspian Sea & SW
   to Black Sea
- Europe is further bordered by Baltic, North Sea, & Arctic Ocean to N., Atlantic Ocean to W., & Mediterranean Sea to S.



## **Europe**; Impact of Geography

- Mountain ranges Pyrenees
   & Alps separated Europeans,
   causing development of diff.
   cultures
- location close to N. Africa & ME-borrow from those cultures
- major rivers, Rhine, Danube,
   Seine, Elbe, & Vistula
   enabled trade w/ each other
- Much of Europe consists of broad fertile plain, allowed development of prosperous farmlands
- To NE, this flat plain w/ few defensible frontiers, made constant shift of borders of Russia, Poland, & Germany
- Due to dense population, many cultures & diff. ethnic groups live close to one another = frequent warfare



#### **Asia**

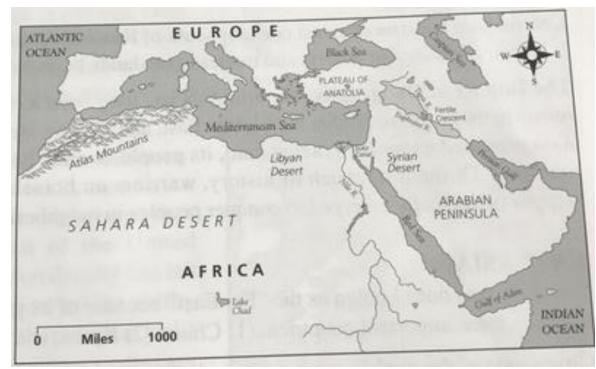
- largest continent
- Today, home to 2/3 of world's population

Bec. of its immense size & diverse cultures, geographers usually think of Asia as consisting of several distinct cultural regions



### **Asia: Middle East**

- located in SW Asia
- "crossroads of 3 continents"
- Some consider N. Africa as part of M. East
- Impact of Geography:
  - climate is very hot
  - Much of region is desert & lacks plentiful water
  - greatest population density is near coast & along major riverswater supplies & growing crops
  - 2 major rivers; Tigris & Euphrates
  - Today, ME provides about half of world's oil supply



#### **Asia: Northern**

- occupied by Russia, stretches from E. Europe east to Pacific Ocean
- world's largest country
- Although ¾ of population, farmland, & industry are located in Europe, most of Russia's land area is in Asia
- Siberia, in NE Russia, is a cold region w/ forests, oil & gas deposits, diamonds, gold, & other precious metals
- Impact of Geography:
  - Most of Russia has long, cold winters & short mild summers
  - Northernmost Russia is tundra, ground frozen much of year
  - Arctic Ocean, N. of Russia, also frozen most of time
  - To the S., Russia is landlocked (access to sea is blocked by other countries)
  - need for ice-free port has been a major problem in its history, causing rulers to expand southward & westward
  - Bec. of Russia's great distance from W. Europe, its culture developed independently



#### **Asia: Central**

- consists of a vast corridor south of Russia & north of Iran, India, & China
- mainly an area of deserts & treeless grasslands known as steppes
- Impact of Geography:
  - has long been crossroads for overland trade routes bet. China, India, Middle East, & Europe
  - ➤ Bec. **steppes** of C. Asia provided excellent grazing land, its people became herders & excelled at horsemanship
  - ➤ Throughout much of history, warriors on horseback from steppes occasionally emerged to conquer peoples in neighboring lands



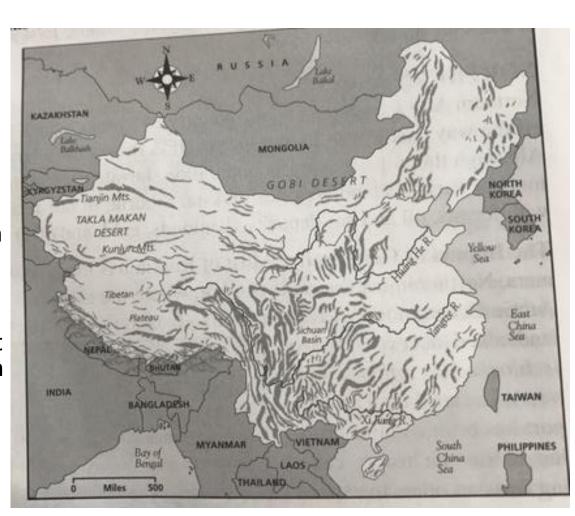
#### **East Asia**

- once known as "Far East" bec. of its great distance from Europe
- includes 3 important countries: China, Korea, & Japan
- China, one of world's most ancient civilizations, is third largest country
- Today, China is world's most populous nation
- Korea, a peninsula extending from NE coast of China
  - Situated bet. China & Japan, has been invaded & influenced by both



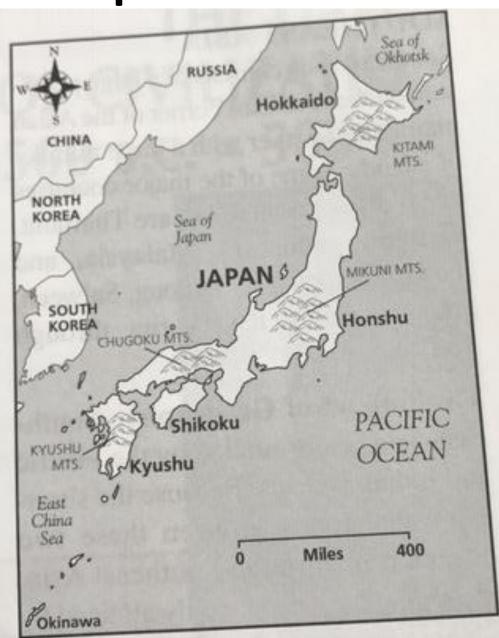
## East Asia: China-Impact of Geography

- southern & western borders are ringed by some of world's highest & most rugged mountains-Himalayan, Kunlun, & Tianjin
  - protected & isolated China from outside world
- Gobi Desert to N. & Pacific Ocean to E. have further separated China
- E. China consists of a vast plain w/ fertile river valleys-most of population settled in this area
- mountains, deserts, & seas surrounding China permitted it to develop a uniform culture in isolation from other centers of civilization
- isolation encouraged a centralization of power & concentration of resources, made China one of world's most advanced civilizations for thousands of years



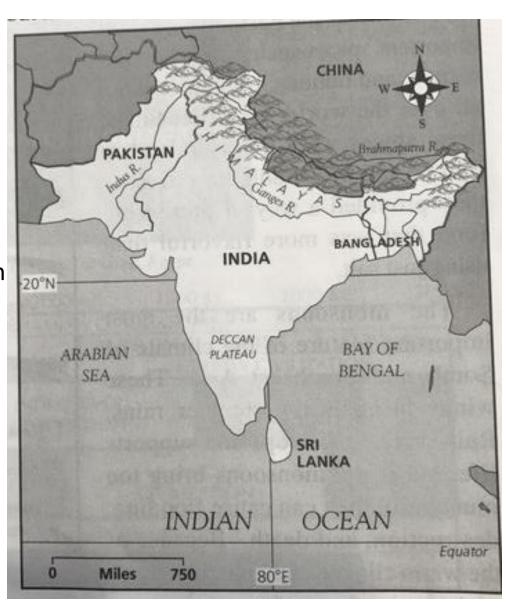
East Asia: Japan

- lies east of Asian mainland, separated by Sea of Japan
- Archipelago- 4 main islands
   & thousands of smaller
   ones, extending 1,500 miles
- Impact of Geography:
  - > small country with 85% of land covered by mountains
  - high population density has led to a social closeness & promoted ability of its people to work together
  - ▶ lacks many important natural resources necessary for modern industry- caused Japanese to seek raw materials from other nations, either through peaceful trade or aggressive military conquest



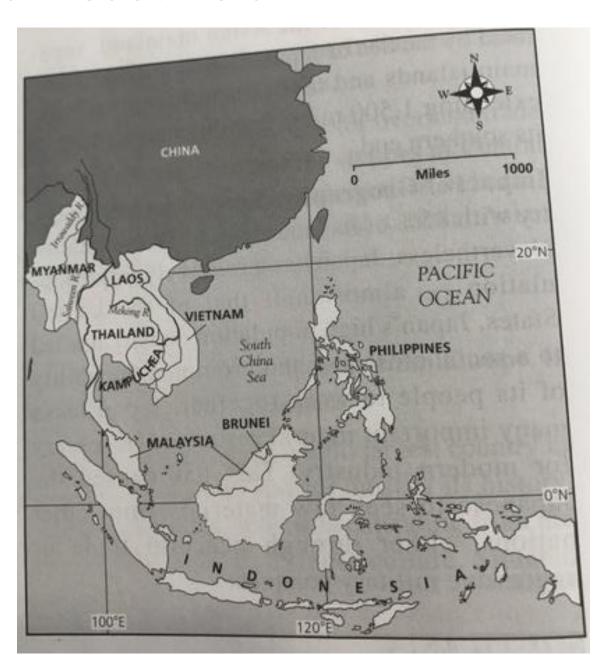
#### **South Asia**

- Indian subcontinent forms a triangle about half size of U.S., which juts out into Indian Ocean
- contains India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, & several smaller nations
- India has world's second largest population
- Impact of Geography:
  - ➤ Himalayan Mountains, highest in world, separate Indian subcontinent from rest of Asia
  - S. of Himalayas are fertile river valleys & coastal plains, w/ a warm & humid climate
  - main rivers, Indus & Ganges, gave rise to some of world's earliest civilizations
  - subcontinent's location close to Middle East led to later spread of Islam throughout much of region



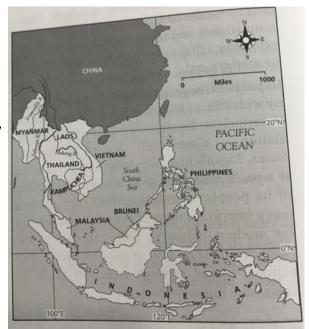
#### **Southeast Asia**

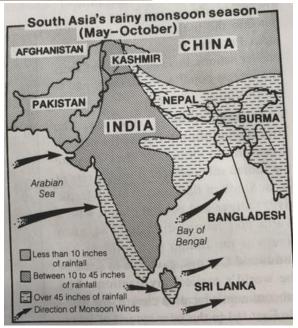
- consists of large peninsula on SE corner of Asian mainland together w/ a large number of islands
- Some of major countries; Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, & Philippines
- Mekong, Salween, Irrawaddy Rivers run through region

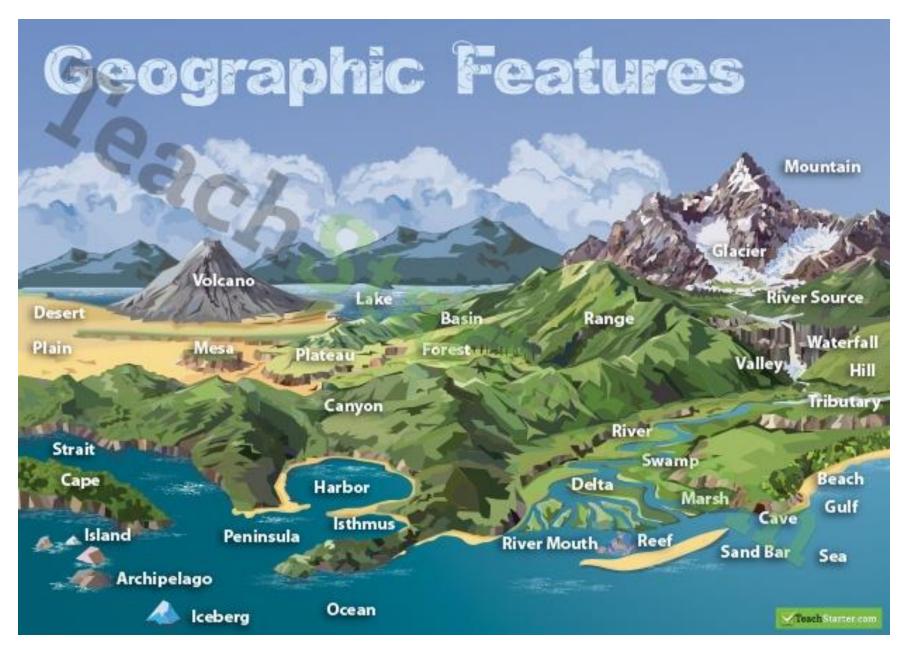


## Southeast Asia: Impact of Geography

- surrounded by Pacific & Indian Oceans
  - bec. shortest water route bet. 2 oceans runs through SE Asia, region has been heavily affected by large mix of peoples
- islands of SE Asia, once known as East Indies, export important spices
  - ➤ In earlier times, these spices were highly prized in Europe & the ME bec. they provided preservation of food
- monsoons, most important feature of climate of South & SE Asia
  - seasonal winds bring heavy summer rains-waters crops & supports life
  - but if monsoons bring too much rain-flooding, destruction, & death
  - ➤ Bec. of warm climate & humidity, much of region is rain forest









# archipelago

An archipelago is a group or chain of islands clustered together in a sea or ocean.



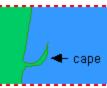
# bay

A bay is a body of water that is partly enclosed by land (and is usually smaller than a gulf).



### canyon

A canyon is a deep valley with very steep sides - often carved from the Earth by a river.



## cape

A cape is a pointed piece of land that sticks out into a sea, ocean, lake, or river.



#### cave

A cave is a large hole in the ground or in the side of a hill or mountain.

### channel

A channel is a body of water that connects two larger bodies of water (like the English Channel). A channel is also a part of a river or harbor that is deep enough to let ships sail through.



### cliff

A cliff is a steep face of rock and soil.



### continent

The land mass on Earth is divided into continents. The seven current continents are Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America.



#### cove

A cove is small, horseshoe-shaped body of water along the coast; the water is surrounded by land formed of soft rock.

### delta

A delta is a low, watery land formed at the mouth of a river. It is formed from the silt, sand and small rocks that flow downstream in the river and are deposited in the delta. A delta is often (but not always) shaped like a triangle (hence its name, delta, a Greek letter that is shaped like a triangle).



A desert is a very dry area.



The equator is an imaginary circle around the earth, halfway between the north and south poles.



## estuary

An estuary is where a river meets the sea or ocean.



# glacier

A glacier is a slowly moving river of ice.



# gulf

A gulf is a part of the ocean (or sea) that is partly surrounded by land (it is usually larger than a bay).



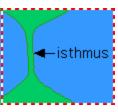
### hill

A hill is a raised area or mound of land.



### island

An island is a piece of land that is surrounded by water.



### isthmus

An isthmus is a narrow strip of land connecting two larger landmasses. An isthmus has water on two sides.

### lagoon

A lagoon is a shallow body of water that is located alongside a coast.



### lake

A lake is a large body of water surrounded by land on all sides. Really huge lakes are often called seas.



### latitude

Latitude is the angular distance north or south from the equator to a particular location. The equator has a latitude of zero degrees. The North Pole has a latitude of 90 degrees North; the South Pole has a latitude of 90 degrees South.



### longitude

Longitude is the angular distance east or west from the north-south line that passes through Greenwich, England, to a particular location Greenwich, England has a longitude of zero degrees. The farther east or west of Greenwich you are, the greater your longitude. Midway Islands (in the Pacific Ocean) have a longitude of 180 degrees (they are on the opposite side of the globe from Greenwich).



#### mountain

A mountain is a very tall high, natural place on Earth - higher than a hill. The tallest mountain on Earth is Mt. Everest.



#### ocean

An ocean is a large body of salt water that surrounds a continent. Oceans cover more the two-thirds of the Earth's surface



#### peninsula

A peninsula is a body of land that is surrounded by water on three sides.



#### pond

A pond is a small body of water surrounded by land. A pond is smaller than a lake.

### plain

Plains are flat lands that have only small changes in elevation.

## plateau

A plateau is a large, flat area of land that is higher than the surrounding land.



#### river

A river is a large, flowing body of water that usually empties into a sea or ocean.

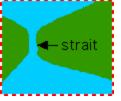
### prairie

A prairie is a wide, relatively flat area of land that has grasses and only a few trees.



#### sea

A sea is a large body of salty water that is often connected to an ocean. A sea may be partly or completely surrounded by land



### strait

A strait is a narrow body of water that connects two larger bodies of water.



### swamp

A swamp is a type of freshwater wetland that has spongy, muddly land and a lot of water. Many trees and shrubs grow in swamps.



# valley

A valley is a low place between mountains.

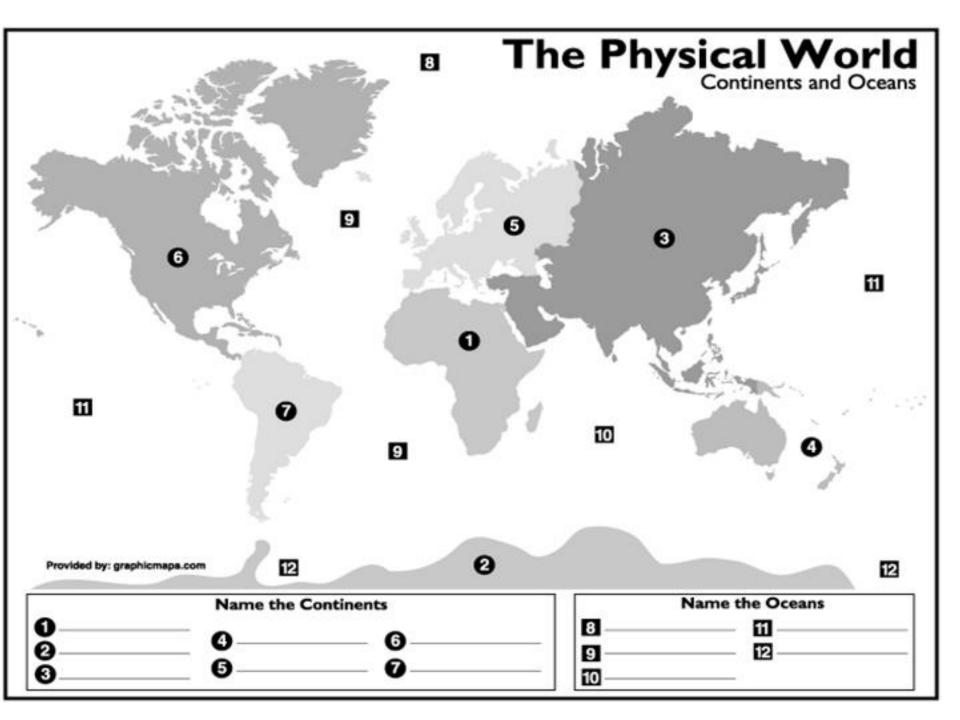


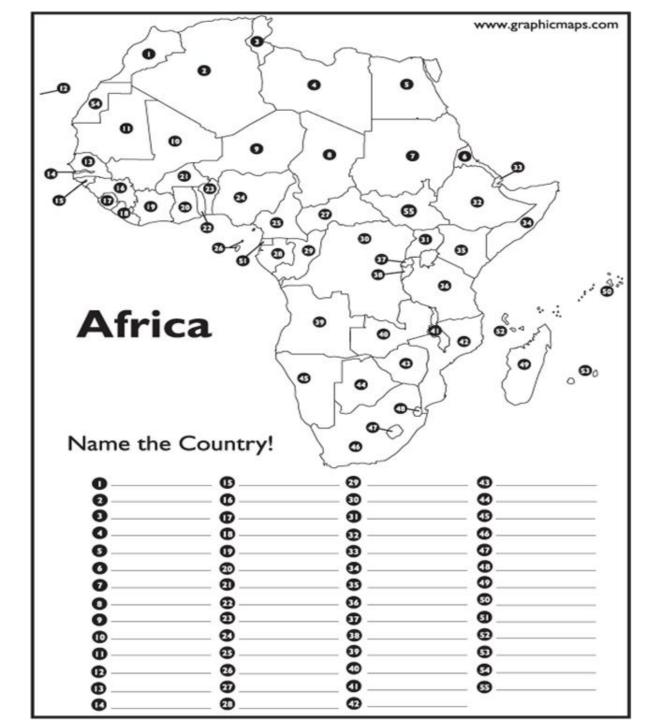
A volcano is a mountainous vent in the Earth's crust. When a volcano erupts, it spews out lava, ashes, and hot gases from deep inside the Earth.

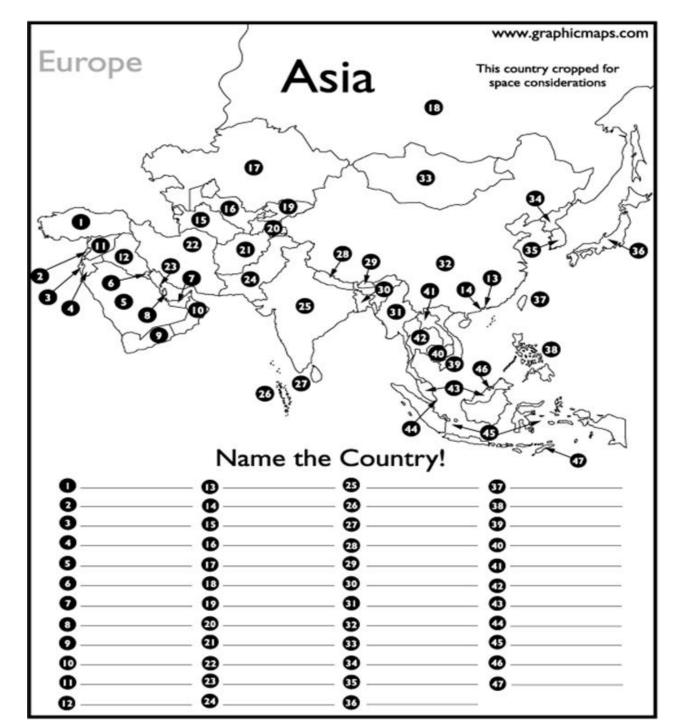


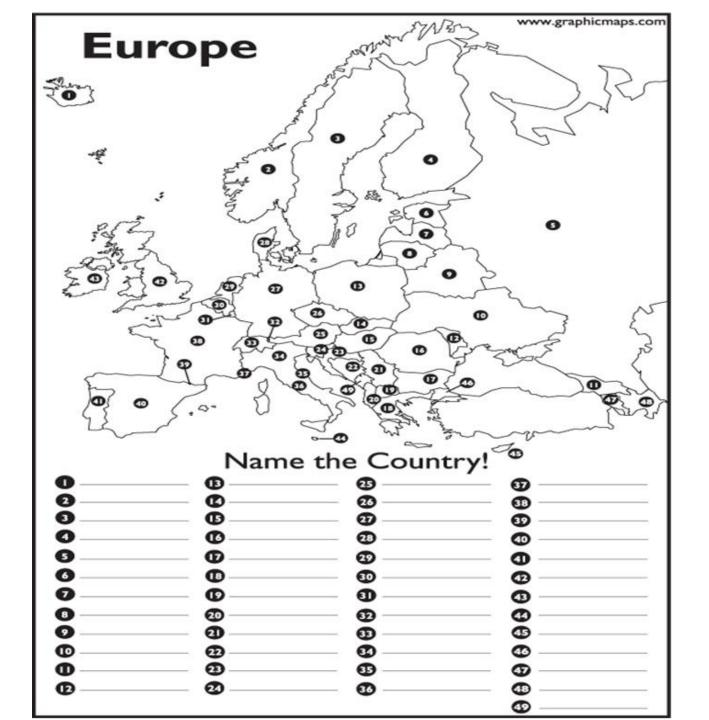
#### waterfall

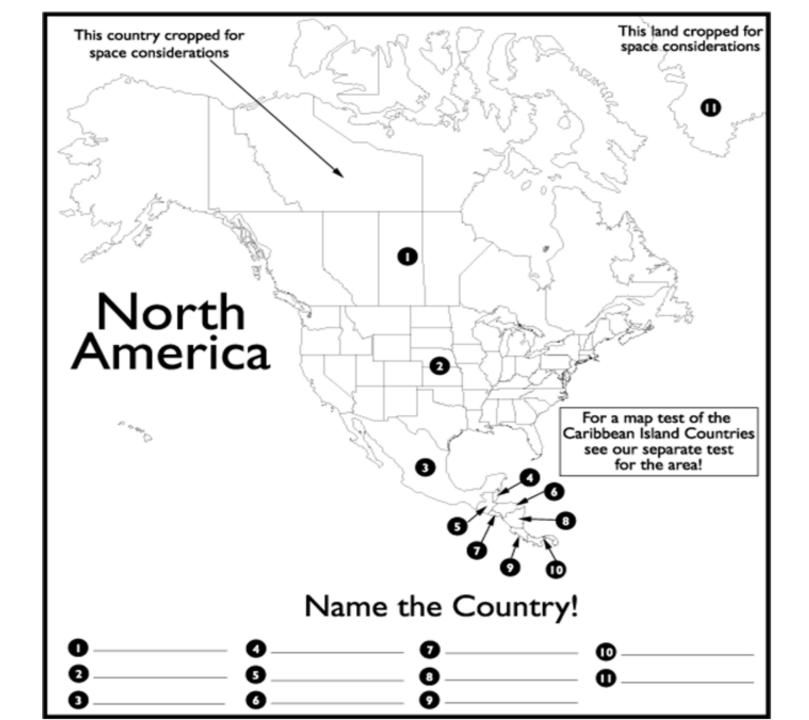
When a river falls off steeply, there is a waterfall.



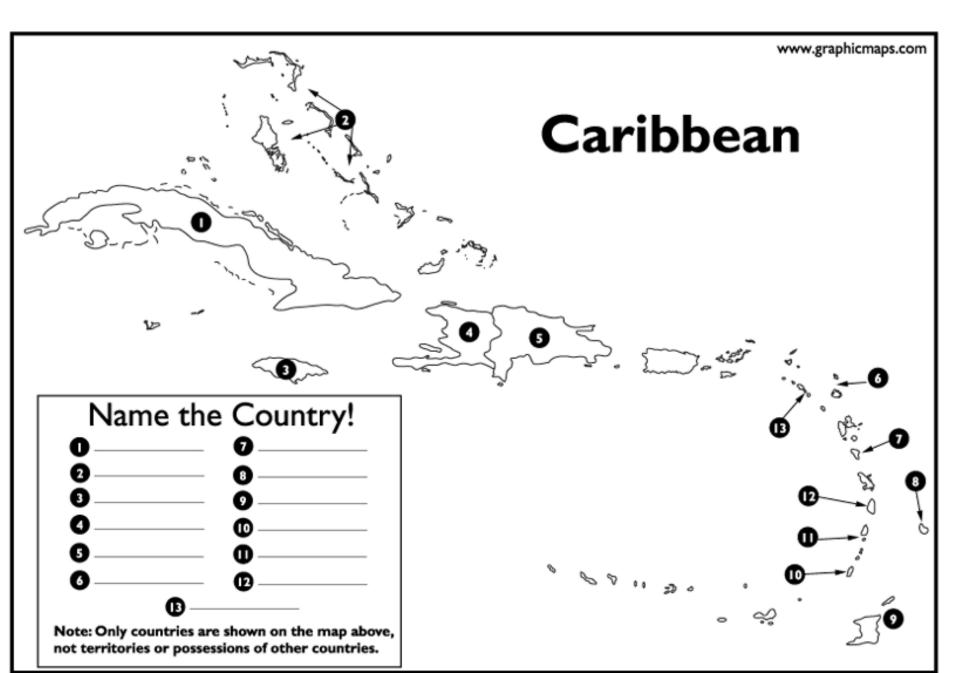


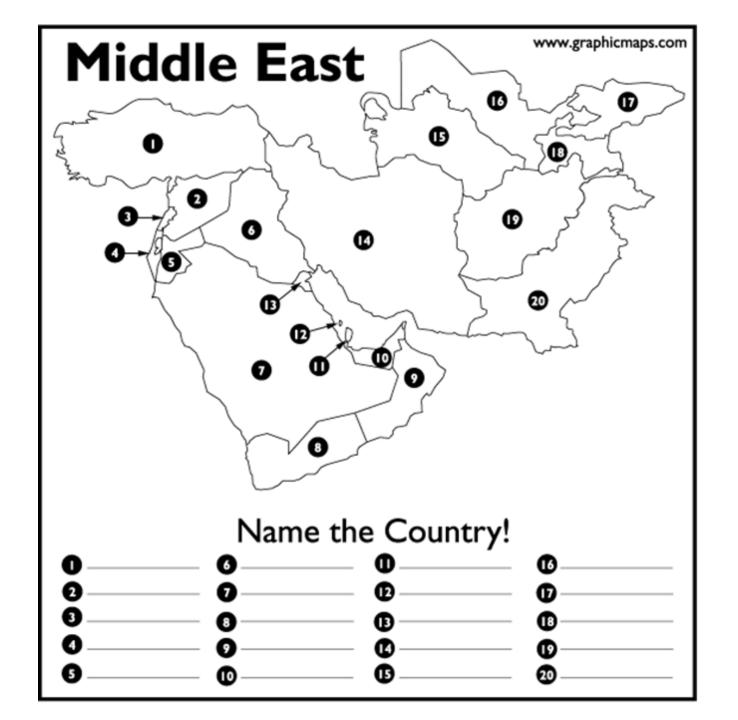


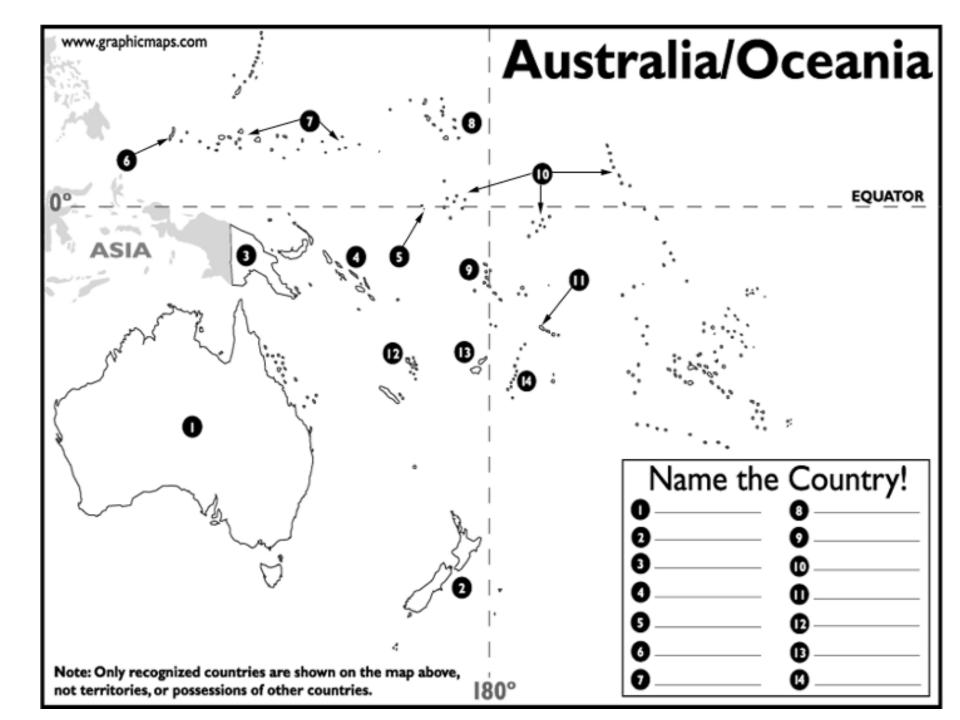


















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