

Study Guide

Chapter 1 - Where in the World Is Our Community

Travel from outer space back to Earth. Learn geography terms throughout the way. Discover how to find any place on a map.

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geography - the study of Earth's land, water, air, and people

1.1 Our Community is on Planet Earth p. 4-5

sphere - an object that is shaped like a ball; the Earth is a sphere

hemisphere - half of a sphere

equator - the imaginary line that divides Earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres

prime meridian: the imaginary line that divides Earth into the Eastern and Western hemispheres

1.2 Our Community Is on a Continent p. 6-7

ocean - large body of water on Earth

four oceans on Earth - Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean

continent - large body of land on Earth

seven continents - Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America

1.3 Our Community Is in a Country p. 8-9

country - an area of land that has its own government

border - the line where one place ends and another begins

1.4 Our Community Is in a State p. 10

state - one of the 50 main areas with their own governments that make up the United States

1.5 Finding Communities in a State p. 11

community - a place where people live, work, and play

city - a large community with lots of buildings and people

town - a community that is smaller than a city

Reading Further 1 p. 12-15

Five hundred years ago people did not know much about Earth. Explorers sailed the oceans to find new lands.

In October 1492, three small ships traveled across the Atlantic to find new lands. There were explorers on these ships.

It was a scary trip. The explorers traveled from Europe to North America.

One of the explorers was named Christopher Columbus. He was excited to reach this new land. He thought he was in Asia.

The explorers met American Indians in North America.

Soon, more explorers came. One explorer was named Juan Cabrillo (key-BREE-yoh). He worked for Spain. He died after he was hurt in a fight with the American Indians. The other explorers traveled back to Spain to tell their people about North America.

Spain then sent people to live in California.

In 1776, people in North America formed a new country. The country was called the United States.

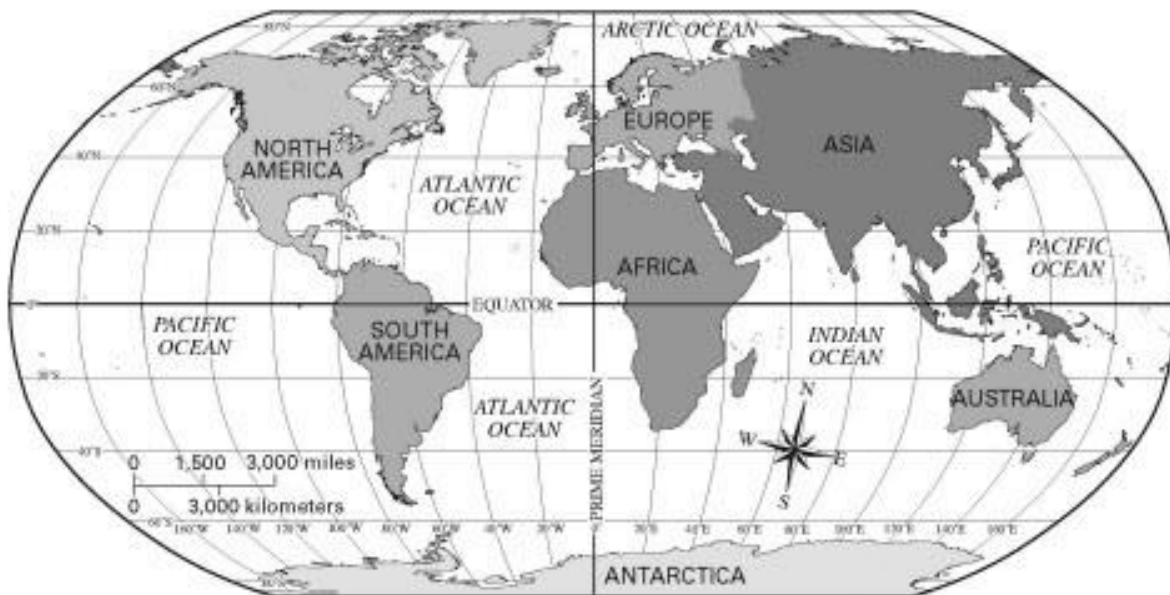
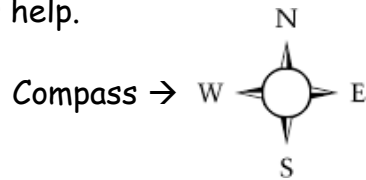
Two explorers traveled West to explore more land. Their names were Lewis and Clark.

They traveled across the United States to the Pacific Ocean and back. They were heroes.

Practice Test

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1. Look at the map. With an adult, find the Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Eastern Hemisphere, and Western Hemisphere. Use the compass for help.



2. The equator divides the world into
 - A. continents.
 - B. countries.
 - C. hemispheres.
3. Which of these is in the Northern Hemisphere?
 - A. Antarctica
 - B. Australia
 - C. Asia
4. Europe and North America are both
 - A. oceans.

- B. continents.
- C. spheres.

5. The prime meridian divides the world into

- A. continents.
- B. countries.
- C. hemispheres.

6. When Christopher Columbus reached the new land, he thought he was in

- A. Asia.
- B. China.
- C. Europe.