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Geography Study Guide

The test is on _____.

Know and understand these words.

geography: the study of the Earth, its physical features, and the way living things use the Earth

ocean: the largest areas of water on Earth

continent: the largest areas of land on Earth

globe: a model of the Earth shaped like a sphere

poles: the areas at the top and bottom of the globe

hemisphere: half of a sphere

equator: the imaginary line that divides the Earth into northern and southern parts

Prime Meridian: the imaginary line that divides the Earth into eastern and western parts

map: a flat model of the Earth

distortion: change in shape and size of an object

cardinal directions: north, south, east, and west

intermediate directions: the directions in between the cardinal directions; northeast, southeast, northwest, southwest

symbols: pictures on a map that represent something in the real world

linear scale: a map scale that used a straight line, like a number line or ruler

word scale: a map scale that uses words

Earth's Land and Water

Be able to **label the seven continents and five oceans on a map.

We have five named oceans, but all of the water is actually connected into one big body of water. Geographers gave different names to the different parts near where they lived.

The oceans are **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic.**

The Earth has seven continents. **Asia** is the largest and **Australia** is the smallest. **Europe** is the most crowded continent. **Antarctica** is a frozen desert. The equator passes through the middle of **Africa**. **South America** has many rainforests. We live on **North America**.

Models of the Earth

Maps and globes are both models of the Earth.

	Good about model	Bad about model
Globe	same shape as Earth shows whole Earth no distortion	can only see one part at a time can only show big objects not much detail hard to carry around
Map	flat and easy to carry can show part of the Earth can show more details	places are distorted

Parts of a Map

Be able to find and **label the parts of a map:

title compass rose map key scale coordinate grid

Types of Maps

Political maps show human features, such as borders between states or countries.

Physical maps show natural features, such as landforms and bodies of water.

Population maps show how many people live in an area.

Elevation maps show the height of the land.

Other types of maps may show other kinds information.