World Geography
Unit 1 – Introduction to World Geography
Study Guide

A study guide tells you what will be on the test and helps you prepare and study. This is a required assignment & is due on the day you take the test. Please write your answers neatly on a separate sheet of paper and staple this handout to your work.

* Know and understand the terms for Unit 1.
1. What is a geographer?
2. What are the two basic questions that geographers always ask when they are studying the earth?
3. What are the five things that geographers study?
4. List and define each of the five themes of geography:
5. Explain the difference between absolute location and relative location:
6. How would you describe the physical features of a place?
7. How would you describe the human features of a place?
8. Which theme would geographers use to study the consequences of peoples' actions?
9. Which theme helps geographers understand cultural changes?
10. On maps, what do geographers use to show regions?
11. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a globe?
12. What are the advantages and disadvantages of flat maps?
13. On a blank globe, you will have to label the following items:
   a. Prime Meridian       f. the Southern Hemisphere
   b. Equator              g. the Western Hemisphere
   c. lines of latitude    h. the Eastern Hemisphere
   d. lines of longitude   i. the North Pole
   e. the Northern Hemisphere   j. the South Pole
14. You will be required to match the correct map type with its official name. (There are four)

Essay Questions: Essay questions must be answered in complete sentences and need to be at least 250 words long. Make sure your essay answer has an introduction, a body, and a clear conclusion! You will be required to answer both of the following essay questions:

1. If you were planning a two day car trip to a different state, would you take a map or a globe with you? Explain your decision.
2. List each of the five themes of geography and explain briefly how geographers use these themes to organize information about the Earth.