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## 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 geographer:
- 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
  - b. Equator
  - c. lines of latitude
  - d. lines of longitude
  - e. the Northern Hemisphere
  - f. the Southern Hemisphere
  - g. the Western Hemisphere
  - h. the Eastern Hemisphere
  - i. the North Pole
  - 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.