



Geography, Landforms & Map Skills for Grades 2-6

ANSWER KEY: Map Skill and Geography Terms Quiz

Name: _____

Date: _____ Class: _____

Directions: Complete each definition with the correct geography/ map skill term from Globetracker's Mission: Locating Louie.

Terms:

cardinal direction, climate, Great Plains, hurricanes, natural resources, latitude, legend, longitude, map coordinates, port, straits, scale, cartographer, peninsula, New England, valleys

1. A map **legend** is another term for a key on a map. It explains the symbols used in the map and may also contain other map information
2. The **climate** is the weather in a particular area: including temperature, precipitation, and wind.
3. **Cardinal direction** is a term used to describe all four primary directions (north, south, east and west).
4. A map **scale** shows the relationship between the distance on a map and the corresponding distance on the earth.
5. **Map coordinates** provide the exact location of a specified area with the degrees of longitude and latitude.

6. The **Great Plains** are a vast prairie region of the United States that includes parts of 10 states: Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Texas, South Dakota, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Nebraska, and New Mexico.
7. **Hurricanes** are severe tropical storms with heavy rains and high winds.
8. **Natural resources** are any substance that is made by nature and used to enhance the lives of living things. Some examples include sunlight, minerals, soil, and water.
9. A **port** is a place on a waterway with facilities for loading and unloading ships (cargo, passengers, etc..)
10. **Longitude** are the lines that run up and down the map (north and south) and measure degrees east or west from the prime meridian.
11. **Straits** are narrow passageways that connect two larger bodies of water.
12. The lowlands between mountains or hills are **valleys**.
13. The lines that run across (east and west) and measure degrees via north or south of the equator are called **latitude**.
14. **New England** is a region in the northeastern section of the United States.

15. A piece of land that is bordered by water (on three or more sides), but is not an island is referred to as a **peninsula**.

16. A **cartographer** is a person who makes maps.