## Geography Vocabulary Study Guide

| globe | A 3-dimensional representation of the Earth. A globe is a sphere. |
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| cartography | The art and science of making maps. |
| cartographer | A person that makes maps. |
| map | A map is a flat (2-dimensional) graphic (picture) representation of the Earth's surface, showing how things are related to each other by distance, direction, and size. Maps are 2-dimensional representations of a 3-dimensional world. There are many different types of maps that have different uses. |
| title | The title of a map tells you what region or place the map represents. |
| key (legend) | Explains what the symbols and colors on the map represent. |
| symbols | Picture represents a feature or object. Example: blue wavy lines may represent a lake. |
| scale | The relationship between the distance on the map and the actual distance on the Earth's surface. Example: 1 inch on the map may equal 1 mile on the Earth's surface. |
| compass | Navigation instrument that uses the Earth's magnetic field to determine direction. |
| compass rose | The compass rose shows cardinal and intermediate directions. <br> Cardinal Directions <br> Intermediate Directions <br> - north <br> - northeast <br> - east <br> - southeast <br> - south - northwest <br> - west - southwest |
| latitude | Imaginary horizontal lines (parallel) on a grid map. Also called parallels. |
| longitude | Imaginary vertical lines (not parallel) on a grid map. Also called meridians. |
| hemisphere | A hemisphere is half the Earth's surface. |
| Equator | Imaginary latitude line that divides the earth into Northern and Southern Hemispheres ( 0 degrees latitude). |
| Prime Meridian | Imaginary longitude line that divides the earth into Eastern and Western Hemispheres ( 0 degrees longitude). The prime meridian runs through the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Greenwich, England (the location was established in 1884 by international agreement). |
| map grid | Latitude and longitude lines form an imaginary grid over the Earth's surface. By combining longitude and latitude measurements, any location on earth can be determined. |

- Students will be expected to label the 7 continents and the 5 oceans.
- Students will be expected to label the 8 points on the compass rose.



## Compass Rose



Cardinal Directions

- north
- east
- south
- west

Intermediate Directions

- northeast (NE)
- southeast (SE)
- northwest (NW)
- southwest (SW)



## Latitude

Imaginary horizontal lines (parallel) on a grid map.

Longitude
Imaginary vertical lines (not parallel) on a grid map.

