

Words To Know

Geographic features - naturally occurring landforms, bodies of water, ecosystems or climates.

Geographic features - are also man-made features that make up our environment.

Cultural diffusion – the exchange of ideas, customs, goods and technologies among cultures.

Cultural diversity – a country or region with one or more cultural or ethnic group (religion).

Isolation – to be alone.

Natural Barrier – a physical geographic feature (mountain or ocean) that protects or hinders (prevents) travel through or over.

Let's Set The Stage...



Geography is the study of the Earth's physical features and environment. **Geography** also includes the study of the movement of people (population distribution), how people use the land and the availability of resources. There are many different types of geographic features. **Geographic features** can be landforms and ecosystems, like mountains and deserts. **Geographic features** can also be human settlements (where people decide to live). Throughout our study of global history, you will see how **geography** has influenced the development of civilization.



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Physical geography – think “deserts or mountains; the surface of the earth”.

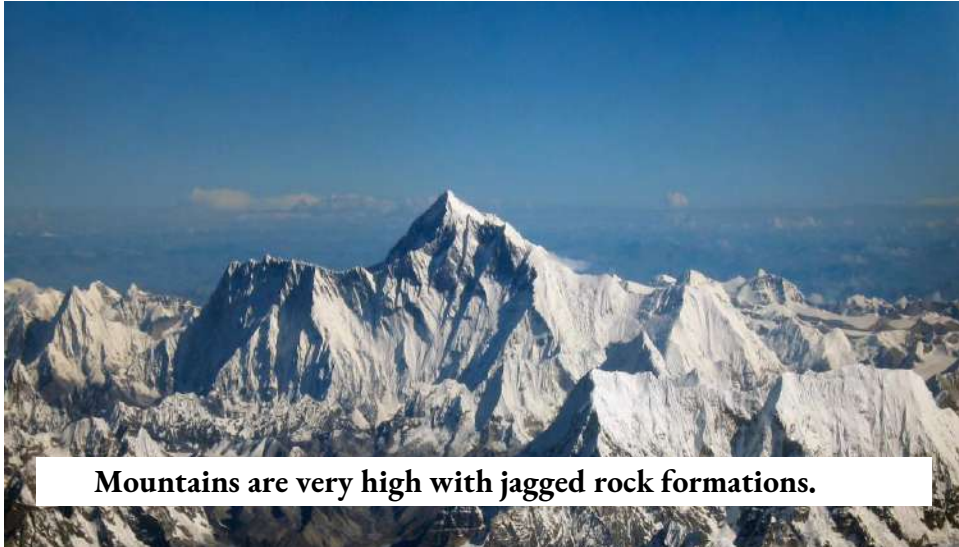
Human geography – think “how people adapt to a particular environment”.



Terrace Farming



Topography is the study of the earth's surface. It is the study of the earth's geographic or physical features. There are many different geographic features in the study of global history.



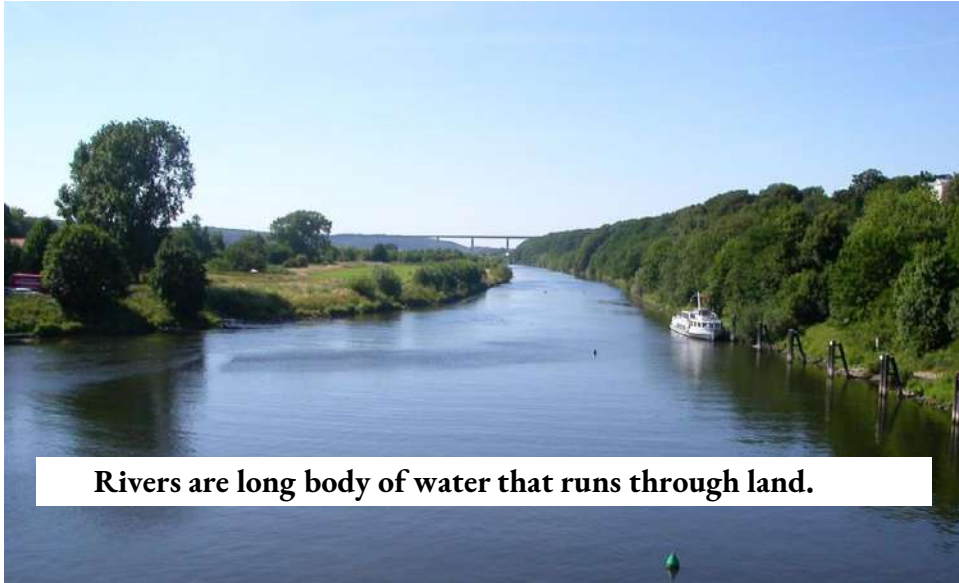
Mountains are very high with jagged rock formations.

Positive effects: protection from invasion.

Negative effects: creates isolation/separates people (being alone); creates diversity within different parts of a country (people will be different).



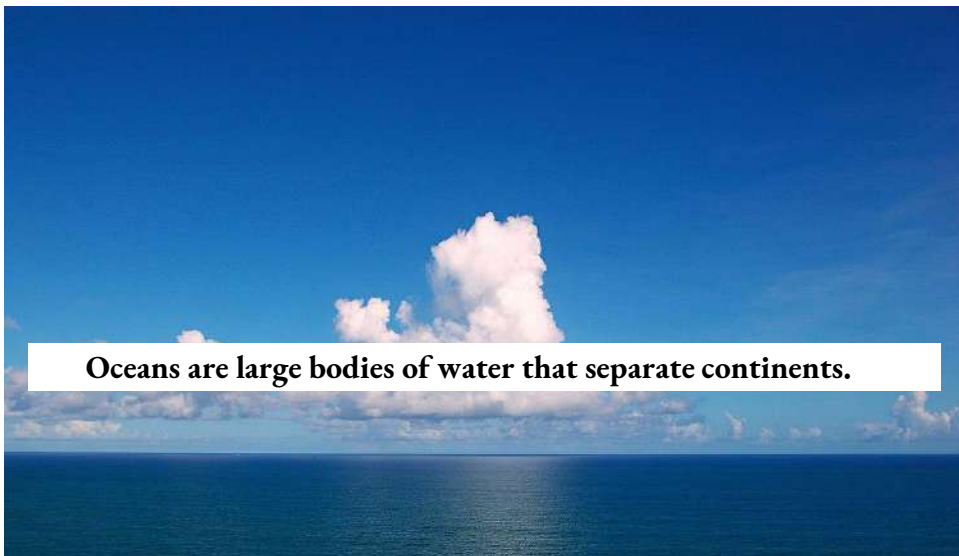
Andes Mountains



Rivers are long body of water that runs through land.

Positive effects: trade, transportation, communication and irrigation (moving water from rivers to farms).

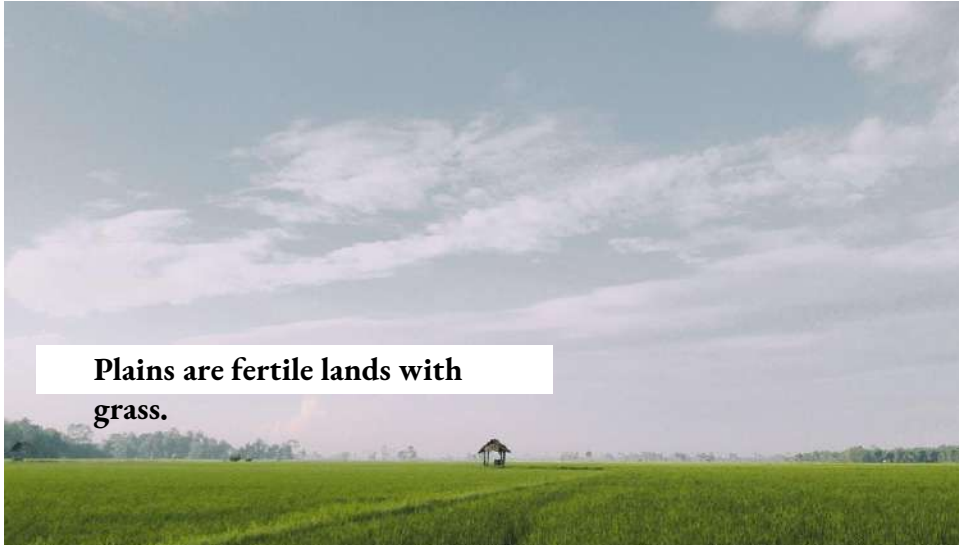
Negative effects: flooding.



Oceans are large bodies of water that separate continents.

Positive effects: food supply, trade, transportation, cultural diffusion (sharing of ideas), natural barrier.

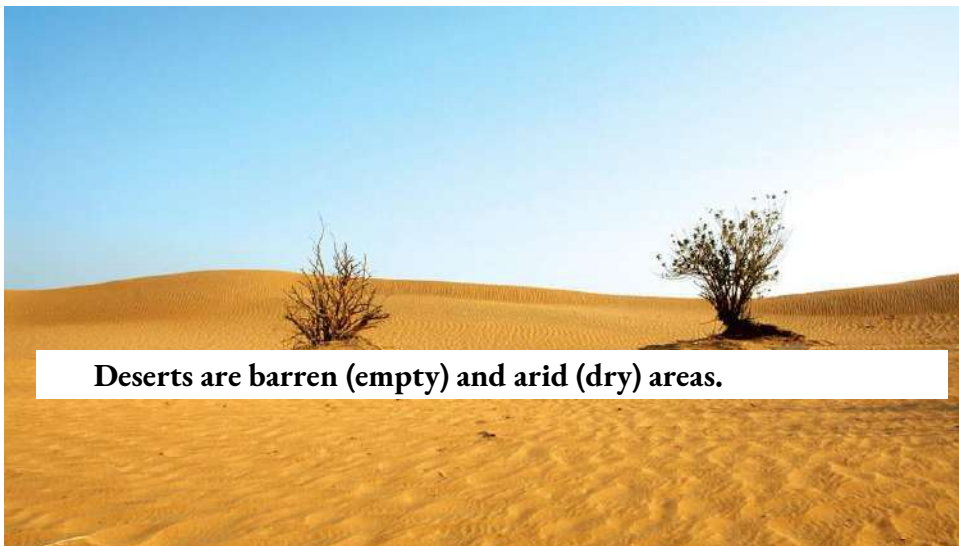
Negative effects: isolation (being alone), route for invasion.



Plains are fertile lands with grass.

Positive effects: excellent farmland, place to settle (live), domestication of animals (raising animals), easy to cross: cultural diffusion (sharing of ideas).

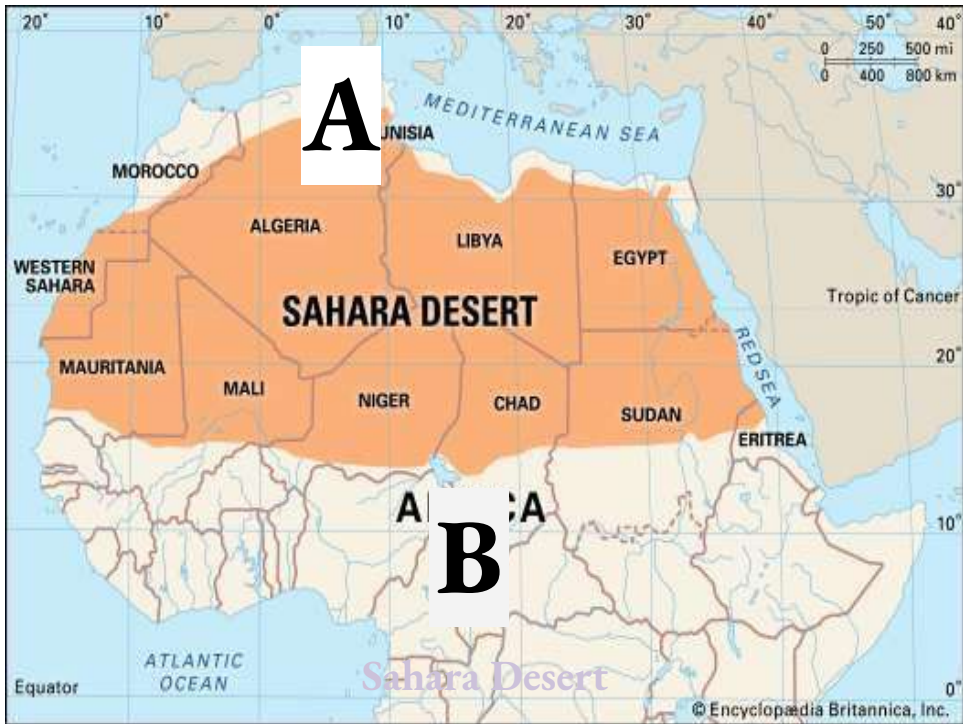
Negative effects: poor defense against an invasion (flat land).



Deserts are barren (empty) and arid (dry) areas.

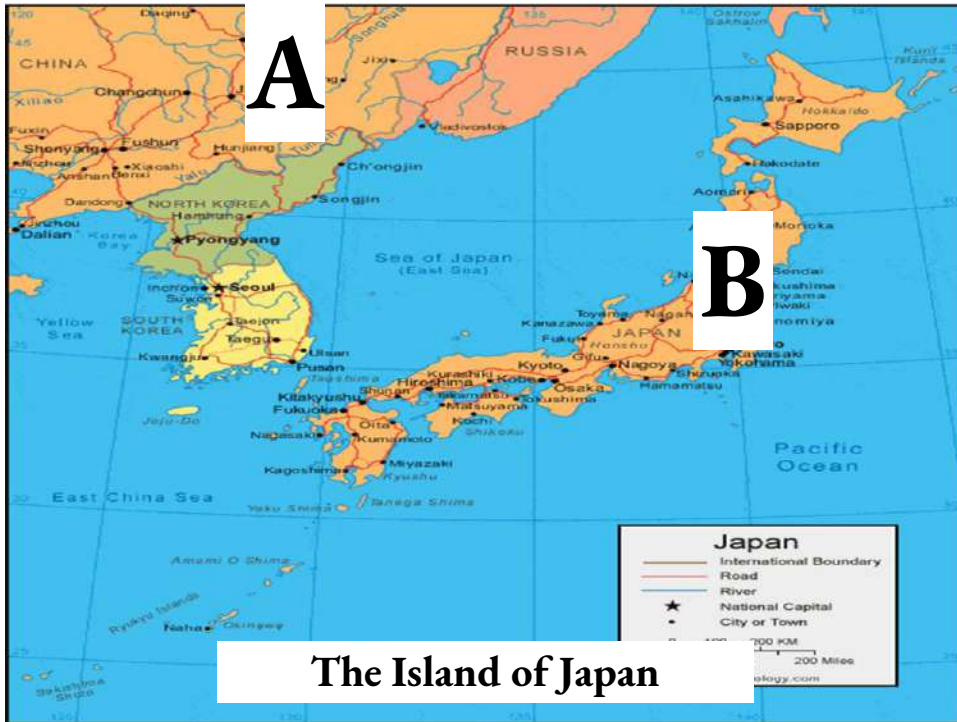
Positive effects: natural barrier/protection against invasion

Negative effects: isolation (being alone), poor farmland, creates cultural diversity within country (people are different), limits trade/communication.



Positive effects: food supply, possible trade, transportation, cultural diffusion (sharing of ideas), natural barriers.

Negative: possible isolation, lack of cultural diffusion (there is no sharing of ideas), cultural diversity within the island.



A Peninsula is body of land surrounded by 3 sides of water.

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Negative: possible isolation, lack of cultural diffusion (there is no sharing of ideas), cultural diversity within the island (people are different).

A globe of the Earth is shown in the background, with three white text boxes overlaid on it. The text boxes contain an essential question and its answer. The globe shows the continents of North and South America, with the Atlantic Ocean between them. The text boxes are positioned over the top, middle, and bottom of the globe.

Essential Question Answered

What are the geographic features found on a map?

Mountains, rivers, plains, oceans, islands and peninsulas are some of the geographic features found a map.

All of these geographic features have greatly influenced the development of civilization.