



Geography Overview

What is geography?

Geography is the study of
the lands, features,
inhabitants, and
phenomena of the earth.

5 Themes of Geography

Region

Movement

Human-Environment Interaction

Place

Location

Region

Formal	Areas that have specific borders: states, countries, continents, etc.
Functional	Areas that serve a certain purpose or describe a large area: Louisville includes more than just city limits.
Vernacular	An area that is just called that: the South or the Midwest.

Movement

Immigration

When living things move into an area.

Emigration

When living things move out of an area; or exit an area.

Human-Environment Interaction

Good

- Sunshine needed for plants to grow.
- Humans plant new trees.

Bad

- Earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.
- Pollution

Place

A place is a specific area being described. Places can have physical and human characteristics.

Human characteristics

What humans have done to a specific place.

- Roads
- Bridges
- Buildings

Physical characteristics

What was naturally in a specific place without human interference.

- Trees
- Mountains
- Rivers

Location

Absolute

An address or coordinate given on a map.

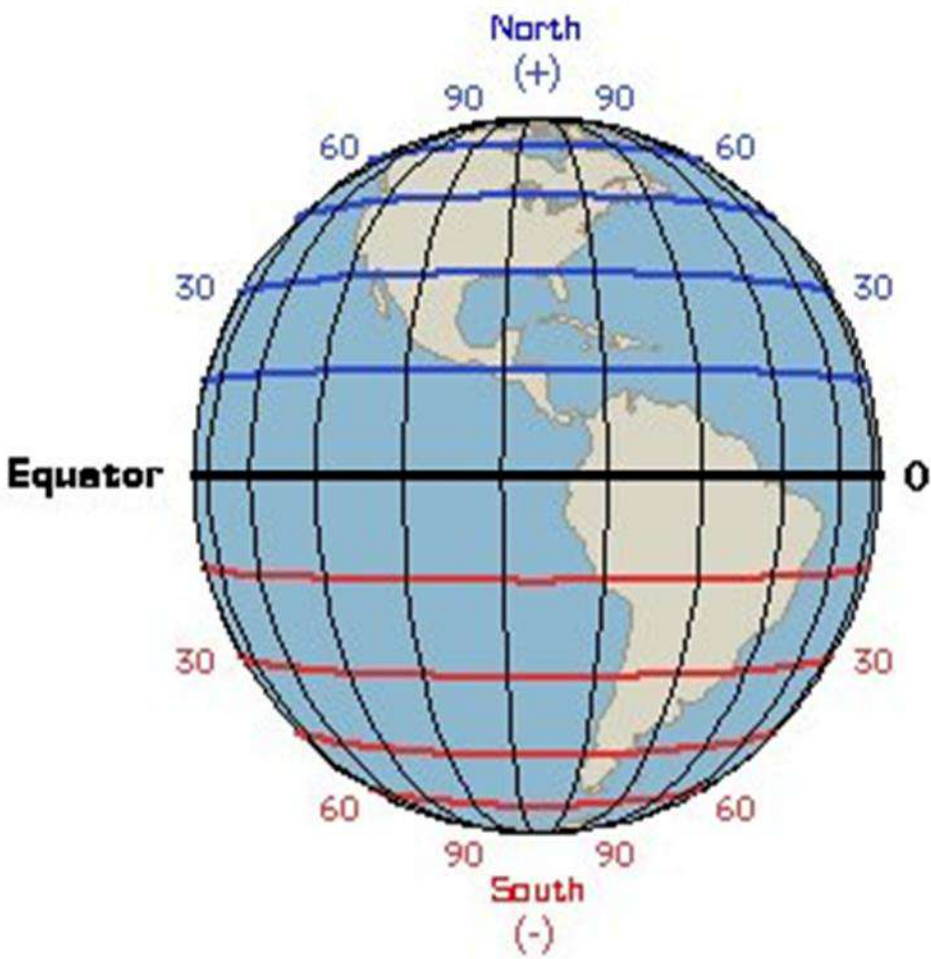
- The school is located at 1 Mustang Trail

Relative

A location described by its surroundings.

- The school is located behind Wal*Mart.

Latitude



Longitude

