

WORLD GEOGRAPHY SEMESTER 1 EXAM STUDY GUIDE

***** Write answers on a separate sheet of paper *****

***** This is just a guide. Study all notes in addition to this to prepare for exam.*****

Physical/Cultural Geography

1. Know the major climate zones and be able to describe them. (p. 60-63)
2. Why do geographers divide the earth's 6 major climate zones into 13 smaller zones? (p. 60-63)
3. What do geographers do to divide places on Earth on the basis of physical features? (p. 7)
4. What is found on a physical map? (p. 20)
5. What is found on a political map? (p. 21)
6. What are the 4 major factors that influence climate? (p. 54)
7. What are the 2 most significant factors in defining different climates? (p. 59)
8. What is geography? (p. 5)
9. What characteristic categorizes a region as being a desert climate zone? (p. 62)
10. What are the classifications of Earth's biomes? (p. 65)
11. A location of 0° latitude would mean the area is located on the _____. (p. 17)
12. How do you express absolute measurement of a location? (p. 6)
13. What is the measurement of the Tropic of Capricorn? (p. 49)
14. What is the measurement of the Tropic of Cancer? (p. 49)
15. What is the measurement of the International Date Line? (p. 357)
16. What is the difference between physical geography and cultural geography? (notes)
17. Know and be able to describe the 5 Themes of Geography. (p. 6-9)
18. What is permafrost? (p. 63)
19. How did nomadic people adapt to their environment? Think about why they moved from place to place. (p. 127)
20. What is culture? (p. 71)
21. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam are similar in that they ask their followers to.... (p. 75)
22. What is a democracy? (p. 83)
23. What is a command economy? (p. 91)
24. What is a traditional economy? (p. 91)

United States & Canada

25. Which landforms are NOT shared by the U.S. and Canada? (p. 118)
26. What climate regions are found in the U.S.? (p. 125)
27. What climate regions are found in Canada? (p. 125)
28. What climate regions would someone pass through traveling from Montreal to northern Quebec? (p. 125)
29. What were the results of the Columbian Exchange? (p. 136)
30. Where is the Gulf-Atlantic Coastal Plains located? (p. 119)
31. What 2 countries border the Great Lakes? (p. 105)
32. What was the result of the Louisiana Purchase? (p. 136)
33. What is the current economy of the U.S. based on? (p. 142)
34. What type of government does the U.S. have? (mixture of 2) (p. 139)
35. What U.S. region is similar to the Prairie Provinces of Canada? (p. 147 & 168)
36. Know the 3 branches of the U.S. government and what each branch does? (p. 139)
37. Which province holds $\frac{3}{4}$ of Canada's French speaking citizens? (p. 167)
38. What are the benefits of the Transcontinental Railroad? (p. 130)
39. Why is the U.S. in a postindustrial economy? (p. 142)
40. Describe characteristics of Quebec. (p. 167)
41. Why is most of Canada's population located near its border with the U.S.? (p. 158)
42. Know the subregions of the United States. Describe each region. (p. 134; 145-149)
43. Why did the U.S. want to build a canal across Panama? (p. 226)
44. Why is the St. Lawrence Seaway important to both the U.S. and Canada? (p. 126)
45. Why is Quebec and Ontario known as the Core Provinces? (p. 167)
46. How would you describe the Northeast region of the U.S.? (p. 145-146)

Latin America

47. How has the Amazon River influenced the culture of the region? Give 3 examples. (p. 238)
48. Why is preservation of the rain forest important? Give 3 reasons. (p. 245-247)
49. Why does Latin America have a variety of climate and vegetation? Name 3 factors. (p. 217)

50. How do hurricanes affect the economies of Caribbean countries? (p. 51, 227)
51. What ancient technique was used by the Incas for growing crops on mountains? (p. 211)
52. What is the economy of the Caribbean predominately based on? (p. 226)
53. Who was Simón Bolívar? (p. 231 – 232)
54. Why are many Latin American citizens unable to take part in a free-market economy? Give 3 reasons. (p. 252)
55. What are push factors? (p. 211)
56. What are pull factors? (p. 211)

Europe

57. Know and describe the climate zones of Europe. (p. 266, 278-280)
 58. Why are the rivers of Europe important and how have they affected development? (p. 275)
 59. What is a peninsula? (p. 34)
 60. Why is Europe known as the "Peninsula of Peninsulas"? (p. 273)
 61. Know the peninsulas of Europe and where they are located? (p. 273)
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Map Locations : Be able to locate on a map

United States and Canada:

- Hudson Bay
- St. Lawrence River
- Rio Grande
- Great Lakes
- Lake Winnipeg
- Appalachian Mountains
- Rocky Mountains
- Texas
- New York
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Nunavut
- Newfoundland
- British Columbia

Central America:

- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Panama
- Guatemala

Europe:

- Scandinavian peninsula
- Italian peninsula
- Iberian peninsula
- Jutland peninsula
- Balkan peninsula
- Rhine river
- Rhone river
- Baltic Sea
- Adriatic Sea
- Alps
- Apennines
- Massif Central
- Meseta