

Basic Geography Questions: Answer all questions in complete sentences.

THE PARTS OF THE EARTH

1. What are the seven continents?
2. What are the four oceans?
3. What is a continent?
4. What is an ocean?
5. What is a globe?
6. What is a hemisphere?
7. What is the geographic location of the Antarctic Circle?
8. What is the geographic location of the Arctic Circle?
9. What is the geographic location of the Tropics of Cancer/Capricorn?
10. What is the equator?
11. What is the prime meridian?
12. What is the maximum tilt of the Earth on its axis?
13. What is represented by 365 and causes seasons?
14. What is represented by 24 and causes day and nights?
15. What are the three largest countries in size (land mass)?
16. What are the three largest countries in population?
17. What are the world's three largest lakes?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

WHAT WAS THE EARTH LIKE LONG AGO

18. What are plate tectonics?
19. Who is Alfred Wegner?
20. What is Pangaea?
21. What is Gondwana?
22. What is Laurasia?
23. What is Panthalassa?
24. What is the Ring of Fire? (Not the awesome Johnny Cash song!)
25. What is the Great Rift Valley?
26. What is the Marianas Trench?
27. What is sea floor spreading?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

28. What is latitude?
29. What is longitude?
30. What are parallels?
31. What are meridians?
32. What is the International Date Line?
33. What are the geographic locations of the North & South Poles?
34. What is the maximum measurement for Latitude?
35. What is the maximum measurement for Longitude?
36. What is the starting point for latitude and longitude?
37. What are high latitudes? What is the temperature like in areas of high latitude?
38. What are mid latitudes? What is the temperature like in areas of mid latitude?
39. What are low latitudes? What is the temperature like in areas of low latitude?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

MAP TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

40. What is a cartographer?
41. What is a compass rose?
42. What are cardinal directions?
43. What is a legend or key?
44. What is a scale?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

TWO TYPES OF GEOGRAPHY

45. What is cultural geography?
46. What is culture?
47. What is heterogeneous culture? List three examples of heterogeneous cultures.
48. What are homogeneous cultures? List three examples of homogeneous cultures.
49. What is physical geography?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

50. What is an archipelago? Provide three examples of archipelagos. Which of these is closest to Lawrenceburg?
51. What is an atoll? Provide three examples of atolls. Which of these is closest to Lawrenceburg?
52. What is a biome? Provide three examples of biomes.
53. What is a basin?
54. What is a cataract? What is the longest cataract in the United States/World?
55. What is a desert? List the major deserts of North America.
56. What is an escarpment? What geographic feature in central Kentucky might be at the base of an escarpment?
57. What is erosion? What is the most well known North American feature created by erosion?
58. What are flora and fauna?
59. What is a gulf? What is the gulf below the southeastern United States?
60. What is an isthmus? Which South American country is an isthmus?
61. What is a mouth/delta? In which of the following deltas were the blues style of music created?
62. What is an oasis?
63. What is a peak? What is the tallest peak in the United States? What is the tallest peak in Kentucky?
64. What is a plateau?
65. What is a range? List the mountain ranges in North America.
66. What is a peninsula?
67. What is a sea? How is a sea different from an ocean?
68. What is a source? In what state is the source of the Mississippi River?
69. What is a strait?
70. What is a tributary?
71. What is terrain? Describe the terrain of Anderson County for someone who has never been here.
72. What is a watershed? In which watershed is Anderson County located?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

GRASSLANDS

73. What are plains? Identify the plains states.
74. What is the pampas? Which South American countries do the pampas cover?
75. What is the savanna? Which African countries does the savanna cover?
76. What is the steppe? Which Asian countries does the steppe cover? Who are the very famous steppe people to whom you are probably related?
77. What is a map projection? Why are paper maps inaccurate?
78. What is distortion? Why are maps of the continents inaccurate?

Answer all questions in complete sentences.

FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

79. What is location? Identify five locations in Lawrenceburg to which you have been this summer.
80. What is absolute location? What is your absolute location?
81. What is relative location? What is your relative location?
82. What is place? What are the things that make up the place you are in?
83. What is movement? How can ideas move? How can movement be restricted?
84. What is region? Which regions are similar to ours?
85. What does HEI stand for? Describe HEI in a complete sentence.
86. What is a climograph? How could a climograph be useful?